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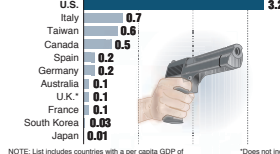
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New impeachment resolution vs Fitial

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Within hours of the 18th House of Representatives' inaugural session and to make good on a promise to fulfill a "public mandate," newly installed House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon (IR-Saipan) and 14 other leadership members

pre-filed yesterday afternoon a new resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for 18 allegations of corruption, neglect, and commission of a felony. This is more than the 16 articles of impeachment listed in the original resolution that the governor-aligned House leadership easily defeated in the previous Legislature.

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DPS: Cop fired gun more than twice

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Witnesses have confirmed with police that Police Officer 1 Josef Deleon Guerrero shot his girlfriend with his service firearm before shooting himself, according to police spokesman Jason Tarkong yesterday.

As this developed, court records show that Deleon Guerrero was also involved in a domestic dispute in 2011 that ended up with a struggle for possession of his service .9mm pistol with his then girlfriend, Jenypy Naim Sambile.

It was the same handgun that Deleon Guerrero

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House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), seated center, leads the 20-member 18th House of Representatives at yesterday's inaugural session. Photo below shows Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), center, joining six other members of the 18th Senate for a group photo after yesterday's organizational session. Not in photo are Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan) and Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota).

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18th Senate, House sworn into office

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Members of the 18th Senate and House of Representatives took their oaths of office yesterday, most of them expressing commitment to work together to revive the economy, improve healthcare services, lower power rates, save the pension system and prioritize education, while some

also advocated a more transparent and accountable government.

The new Legislature preceded one that saw several clashes between the House and Senate and the Fitial administration.

Newly installed Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) said in separate interviews that

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Board of Education members sworn into office

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Re-elected Board of Education members Marylou Ada and Tanya King, along with their new colleague Janice Tenorio, took their oaths of office during an investiture ceremony yesterday. Veteran member Herman Guerrero was chosen as chairman of the CNMI 13th State Board of Education.

The oath-taking was administered by Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro and was witnessed by key government officials, including Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman, and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores. Members of the public, mostly parents, were also present.

In her opening remarks, Education Commissioner Rita A.

Sablan, Ed.D., expressed confidence in the capability of the new board to sustain the progress of education on the islands.

Sablan's leadership team also handed out plaques of appreciation to outgoing board member Galvin Deleon Guerrero and to Ada and King, who both sought re-election and won another term in office.

In recognizing the hard work and commitment of the 12th BOE, Sablan enumerated the many achievements of the board for CNMI students, including, among others, the system's success in implementing the highly qualified personnel mandate, the transition to a new district-wide accreditation, the implementation of common core standards, development of personnel evaluation tools, and several school projects and policies. She also commended the partnership shown to PSS by

the Executive Branch and the Delegate's Office in achieving more for education.

According to Sablan, the board's newest member, Tenorio, is no stranger to the PSS because she is the president of the system's Parents Advisory Council and a long-time advocate for all parents on the three islands.

Besides Guerrero, other officers elected include Lucia Blanco-Maratita, who was chosen as the new board vice chairperson, while Tenorio is board secretary.

PSS need your help

The newly elected board chairman urged stakeholders yesterday to continue to support student education. He pleaded with the Executive Branch to act on two vital positions in the board that have been vacant for many years: the public school teachers' representative and the non-public school teachers' rep-

resentative.

Guerrero is also seeking the government's help in securing a lower utility rate for public schools as well as remedies on PSS issues involving unpaid retirement contributions.

For the new Legislature, Guerrero wants to tap unused Capital Improvement Project monies to continue school repairs and renovations and the building of Koblerville Junior High School to ease overcrowding at Hopwood Junior High School.

Outgoing board member Deleon Guerrero emphasized the importance of having teachers' representation on the board. Keeping these positions unfilled, he said, is an injustice to all teachers.

Despite his departure from the board, Deleon Guerrero vowed his continued commitment to help the system through the PSS Foundation.

'We the People' contest suspended due to lack of funds

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High school students lost an opportunity this year to vie for a national honor for the Commonwealth after the Public School System suspended the "We the People" competition on island due to budget constraints.

PSS federal programs officer

Tim Thornburgh told *Saipan Tribune* that the suspension period is indefinite and will be in place until further notice.

The "We the People" program provides students with comprehensive instruction on the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights and the principles and values they embody. During competition rounds, students demon-

strate their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution before simulated congressional committees made up of constitutional scholars, lawyers, and public officials.

Each year, regional and state winners across the nation face each other at the national event. The contest is open to both public and private high schools on island.

PSS has been conducting the competition for five years now. Marianas High School topped the maiden launch of the contest in 2008, followed by Mount Carmel School, then Saipan Southern High School, which defended the title twice in 2011 and 2012.

For PSS to send a team to the national event, it has to come up with \$70,000 for the delegates' expenses, including fare and accommodation, Thornburgh said. This school year, federal funding is short to sustain this expense, he added.

The U.S. Department of Education had trimmed the travel costs of all states, including those for student competitions, due to the national deficit. The CNMI, which was approved \$8.4 million under the consolidated grant for fiscal year 2013, was among the areas asked to "zero out" travel under the consolidated grant.

But because of the uniqueness of the islands' situation, PSS had asked for the USDOE's consideration for Commonwealth students who need to travel by air to compete in national events.

Thornburgh said that PSS submitted a revised plan on the \$8.4 million grant, maintaining the "travel" items for student competitions, amounting to \$250,000.

"We're awaiting approval [from the USDOE]...and we're optimistic," said Thornburgh, adding that inter-island student travel is included in the revised submission.

The proposed budget of \$250,000 for student competitions under the revised submission of PSS is lower than what was previously allocated for competitions, which was \$350,000.

As much as PSS wanted to continue the "We the People" competition this year, Thornburgh admitted that asking some share from the students' parents would be an added burden to families' already tight budget.



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The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and Redcap Tour launched the LG Twins Baseball Team Fan Tour trade promotion in December 2012 to increase sales volume and awareness of Saipan for fans of the Korean baseball team.

The package offers accommodations at Pacific Islands Club (PIC) Saipan on Jan. 27-30, 2013, when the team is on-island. The promotions also offers \$200 in special benefits, including Asiana Airlines mileage, a tour of Saipan, a tour of Managaha, and a fan meeting with the LG Twins.

The MVA is providing dollar coupon books, Marianas Guidebooks, and maps in support of the promotion.

The LG Twins have been conducting training in Saipan for a number of years, drawing both fans and media attention to the Northern Marianas.

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Judge urges domestic violence victims to seek help

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"If you pick up a phone and

OIA's assistance sought to fill hospital's critical post

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has asked for the help of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs so it could hire a permanent laboratory manager—a vacancy that has aroused the concern of Medicare.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta said the position is classified as unique and critical to maintaining the facility's accreditation with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

CMMS is scheduled to decide on the Commonwealth Health Center's condition of participation with the agency in February and the lack of a laboratory manager could affect that decision.

The funding constraint of the local health agency, Babauta said, makes it difficult to fill the position, which has been vacant for some years now. Babauta said he turned to OIA to help save the only public hospital on island.

In a letter to OIA Director Nikolao Pula, Babauta disclosed that since the arrival of USPHS Commissioned Corps Team at CHC, the group—led by Adm. Newton Kendig—wasted no time in initiating a series of detailed assessments of the hospital, including recommendations for critical staffing needs.

The laboratory unit was immediately identified as critically in need of a lab manager, which is essential for maintaining clinical laboratory improvement amendments certification and providing patient care services. Babauta said that not having a qualified lab manager to oversee the operations of the unit has been an ongoing deficiency, in violation of the conditions of par-

call for help, this court will take the crime of domestic violence seriously."

Superior Court associate

ticipation by CMMS.

The lab manager post is highly technical, requiring detailed knowledge of laboratory operations, certification requirements, and specialized contracting options.

The post is also considered extremely hard-to-fill in the CNMI as there is no known person available for this position on island and the alternative choice of hiring a lab consultant from off-island would be prohibitive.

When effectively managed, laboratory services can be fiscally self-sustaining and even an important revenue source for the hospital.

"[The corporation's] options are very limited. If the position is not filled immediately, the hospital stands to lose Medicare certification, thus placing the CNMI's only community hospital in jeopardy," Babauta told Pula in his letter dated Jan. 10, 2013.

Babauta disclosed that after careful review by Kendig's team and corporation staff, it is their strong recommendation that hiring a Public Health Service Officer with the right qualifications seems like the best long-term solution for this critical department.

Babauta requested Pula for assistance in the recruitment of a lab manager and funding for the position for at least two years.

The CEO told *Saipan Tribune* that OIA has been instrumental in the many progresses at the hospital through several grants it awarded. One of the major assistance from OIA is the procurement of a new boiler for the hospital last year, which cost about \$500,000.

Saipan Tribune learned that cost of bringing the Commissioned Corps Team to CHC was also shouldered by OIA.

Rota mayor welcomes IT&E upgrade

IT&E's launching of GSM network services on Rota is a welcome development on the island, according to Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola.

In a recent phone interview, Mendiola touted the news as a "good thing" as it increases the communication capabilities of the southernmost island of the CNMI.

"This will definitely open opportunities for better global communication from Rota," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The telecommunications company announced a new era of coverage and connectivity in the Marianas with last month's

judge Joseph N. Camacho made the pronouncement after imposing the maximum sentence of one year in prison against Albert P. Deleon Guerrero, a repeat offender who beat up his girlfriend.

Camacho underscored the importance of slapping Deleon Guerrero with the maximum sentence so that he and all others who commit domestic violence are deterred from interfering and preventing victims from calling for help.

Deleon Guerrero will start serving his sentence on Jan. 24, 2013. He was given credit for the three days he served in jail. His sentence will be served without the possibility of parole and work or weekend release

After finishing his sentence, he will be placed on probation for two years. He was also required to pay a \$200 fine and \$25 court costs, 50 hours of community service, and restitution to the victim for medical expenses.

Deleon Guerrero appeared in court on Thursday and pleaded guilty to assault and battery.

Assistant attorney general Chemere McField recommended six months in prison. Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for the defendant, also recommended six months.

Pursuant to the affidavit of probable cause, Deleon Guer-

rero became angry with his girlfriend on July 16, 2012, triggering the assault that included slapping her in the face, grabbing her hair, and punching her—all while inside their vehicle. She called 911 but he grabbed the phone and threw it down.

A police car just happened to be driving by and came to her rescue.

Camacho said that Deleon Guerrero is no stranger to crimes as he has five criminal cases that include assault and battery and trafficking of a controlled substance. The defendant also has 10 traffic cases and two temporary

restraining orders in family court, he said.

Camacho said the Domestic Violence Criminal Act was passed in 2004.

"That was nine years ago. Once again, this court rises to the call of the Legislature to address domestic violence as a serious problem," the judge said.

Camacho is known for rejecting lenient plea bargains and for imposing full maximum sentences.



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Van that ran over teenager has been identified

Investigators have already identified the van that sped off after hitting and running over a teenager that had been assaulted by two men who later left him lying on a highway in Garapan.

Acting Department of Public Safety

commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro disclosed yesterday that investigators have already traced the van. He refused to elaborate.

Police spokesman Jason Tarkong said that further investigation revealed it was indeed a Toyota Sienna.

Asked if police already identified the driver of the van, Ogumoro and Tarkong refused to comment, saying the investigation is ongoing.

The Toyota Sienna van, which was earlier described as a 2011 or 2012 model, was traveling north on the night

of Jan. 1, 2013, when it struck the teenager, dragging him for about 50 feet. The van did not stop.

The victim, 19-year-old Jefferson Kiaoul Keju, had been left lying on the outer northbound lane after being assaulted by two men.

A Toyota Hilux 4x4 pickup truck also ran over the victim but the driver,

a 22-year-old Aniceto Ogumoro Jr., stopped and helped him.

Keju was pronounced dead the following day, Jan. 2.

Police later arrested Herman Fital, 34, and Felix Kileleman Jr., 19, after investigation showed they were the ones who chased and assaulted the victim. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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allegedly used on Sunday to kill himself after shooting his girlfriend, whom police identified as Elizabeth Itibus.

The shooting happened in a parking lot near the True North Bar & Grill along Beach Road, Garapan, early Sunday morning.

At yesterday's press briefing at the Department of Public Safety, Tarkong said the 24-year-old Itibus was shot in the right shoulder but is now in stable condition at the Commonwealth Health

Center's Intensive Care Unit.

Deleon Guerrero had a gunshot wound in the head and was pronounced dead at 2:06am Sunday.

Asked how many shots were fired, Tarkong said preliminary investigation showed that Deleon Guerrero fired his service pistol more than twice.

Tarkong said they are still investigating whether alcohol or drugs were factors in the shooting. He confirmed that the two had a domestic dispute.

When asked where Deleon Guerrero and Itibus had come from before the shooting, acting DPS commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro said that Itibus

was inside True North Bar & Grill.

"The lady was in," said Ogumoro, who owns the bar. He did not elaborate.

DPS Internal Affairs chief Capt. Lawrence Camacho, who was also present at the briefing, sated that "investigations have not covered everything yet."

Some of the bar's customers told *Saipan Tribune* that prior to the shooting, Deleon Guerrero and Itibus were sitting in separate tables with friends and relatives inside the bar.

The two later went outside. Customers, who then heard gunshots, at first thought it was just firecrackers but later

ran to the parking lot where the bloodied Deleon Guerrero and Itibus were lying on the ground.

Camacho said that Deleon Guerrero joined DPS in 2008 after graduating from the 19th Police Academy Cycle and that his last assignment was at the Community Oriented Policing Section or COPS on Capital Hill.

Because of the tragic incident, Camacho said they contacted the Community Guidance Center, while the American Red Cross and the Commonwealth Health Center's team also provided assistance to investigators.

This was not the first time Deleon Guerrero was involved in a dispute that also involved a gun.

According to court records, during a fight with his then girlfriend Sambile at their house in As Perdido on July 31, 2011, Sambile allegedly grabbed Deleon Guerrero's service firearm in a fit of jealousy.

As they struggled for possession of the gun, the off-duty Deleon Guerrero choked Sambile, forcing her to throw the gun away.

Sambile was arrested after investigators determined that she was the initial aggressor in the scuffle.

SENATE

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both houses are off to a good start, owing to a good working relationship that their leaderships have already forged.

Chief Justice Alexandro Castro administered the oath of office to the 20 House members, with Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), and other dignitaries witnessing the ceremony in the gallery.

Presiding Judge Robert Naraja administered the oath of office to the eight of nine Senate members present. Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) was absent from the session because he was in detention pending his trial on charges related to attempts to smuggle endangered fruit bats. Gov. Benigno R. Fital and other dignitaries were in attendance.

Hofschneider began his seven-minute speech with a call to include in members' prayers the life lost during Sunday's incident that also injured an-

other individual.

He also thanked former Senate President Paul Manglona for leading the 17th Senate and for his over 20 years of service to the CNMI.

One of his children, 20-year-old Ashley, said she's "very proud" of her father being sworn into office as Senate president.

"It's also very humbling to see my dad up there. I am confident he will take all the challenges ahead of him," she added.

Hofschneider noted that the CNMI economy seems to be "on the verge of a turnaround."

"And so now, more than ever, there is a need for our government to close the divide that exists between its branches," he said. "We must set aside our differences and work together with the House of Representatives, the Executive Branch, our business community, and our citizens, to improve our operations, update our procedures, and lay the foundation for the revitalization of our tourism industry."

This theme was repeated in many of the speeches delivered by Senate and House members.

Transparency, accountability

Sen. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), a former representative in the 17th Legislature, said the CNMI is "struggling to raise ourselves from this economic rut" and pointed at the lack of "open and transparent communication between the administration and the Legislature; save for the House leadership who kept most critical information away from the body until the last minute."

"Yes, the governor did state that he had misjudged his political colleagues who were not of his political affiliation, and yes the community did not receive critical information that would bring hope and understanding but we can overcome the present state of political and economic condition we are in," Yumul said.

Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan) said abuses in government should not be tolerated. He called on members to be mindful of

the "unmistakable message" that people will no longer sit idly by as shown by the results of the midterm polls.

He said there's a need for complete transparency, a full accountability of public funds, prioritize education, fix the NMI Retirement Fund, and reduce the cost of power generation, among other things.

"The silent majority spoke loud and clear. It's now our job to roll up our sleeves and attend to the needs of the people," he added.

Senate Vice President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) also pointed to some of the government's missteps in the past that he hopes will be better addressed this time, including the state of the hospital and funding the Public School System.

Newcomer Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan) said he's "not here to make a living" but "to make a difference."

'Not a do-nothing Legislature'

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), in her speech, said she finds it "very disturbing and insulting" for critics to

describe the 17th Legislature as a "do-nothing" Legislature.

She said as member of the previous Legislature, she "worked very hard to ensure that government employees did not lose their jobs, and that funds were appropriated to support essential government services."

"We have so much work ahead of us. And for me, economic recovery should be the top priority for this 18th Legislature," she said.

Ogumoro later told reporters that impeachment is not on her list of priorities. The new leadership pre-filed a new resolution impeaching the governor. Ogumoro is one of four members of the new minority bloc aligned with the governor.

During the session, the House speaker formally announced the chairmen of the 10 committees that now include a Special Committee on Retirement Fund headed by Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan). The Senate president said he will announce the committee chairmanships in the next few days.

IMPEACHMENT

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The 15 sponsors of the resolution are more than enough number of votes to impeach Fital, the CNMI's seventh governor.

Only at least 14 "yes" votes are needed in the 20-member House to impeach the governor, and at least six "yes" votes to convict him in the nine-member Senate.

The governor, according to press secretary Angel Demapan, "recognizes that he is up against a supermajority in the House."

"He [is] also aware that they [are] fixated on disposing of this item on their agenda. The number of cosponsors pretty much indicates that the process will move up to the Senate. Cognizant of this, it's only fair that the governor be given the opportunity to prepare for his defense. It will be at that appropriate time and forum that he will respond to the articles lodged against him," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

In his 11-minute speech, Deleon Guerrero dedicated yesterday's inaugural session to the public.

"After the November election, the term 'public mandate' was often used to describe the public's overwhelming support for impeachment. Their message was that corruption, obstruction of justice, abuse of power, and the lack of transparency and accountability will not be tolerated," said Deleon Guer-

rero, a minority leader in the previous House.

He said elected officials should realize and understand that public trust is a sacred trust.

"Once lost, it is literally impossible to regain. And no amount of apologies or promises for change can restore this trust or our credibility," he said, referring to Fital's apologies and promises for change during the last session of the 17th House last week.

Deleon Guerrero spoke in the vernacular to elaborate on the term "public mandate." In an interview after the session, Deleon Guerrero said the translation of what he said was, "We will continue and we will finish what we started, which is the impeachment. The public gave us this mandate and we need to address that public mandate."

True to their word, Deleon Guerrero and 14 other members of the House leadership signed off on a 26-page impeachment resolution for pre-filing.

Only one of the 16-member House leadership didn't sign off on the resolution, Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan).

But Villagomez pointed out in an interview that it was because he has yet to read the impeachment resolution. He voted "yes" to the impeachment resolution last year.

"I just said in my speech that I will continue to do the right thing. And I won't sign something I haven't had the chance to read first," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

House Resolution 18-2 could be for-

mally introduced as early as Friday if the speaker calls for a session that day.

Deleon Guerrero said he will appoint a Special Committee on Impeachment as soon as the impeachment resolution is introduced.

'New administration'

Newly-installed Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) created a buzz in his speech when he said he's committed to working with all stakeholders such as the Senate, the Judiciary "and more importantly, the new administration."

The crowd startled at Dela Cruz's use of the phrase "new administration." In an interview with reporters later, Dela Cruz said he was referring to an "Inos administration."

If and when Fital is impeached and convicted, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos will become the governor, according to the lines of succession.

Dela Cruz said the mandate of the people is "too great to be complacent."

Besides the speaker and vice speaker, the other sponsors of the impeachment resolution are: floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Reps. Antonio Agulto (IR-Saipan), Anthony Benavente (IR-Saipan), Roman Benavente (IR-Saipan), Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), Christopher Deleon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Janet Maratita (IR-Saipan), Antonio Sablan (IR-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), Mariano Taitano (IR-Saipan), Ramon Tebuteb (IR-Saipan), and Ralph Yumul

(IR-Saipan).

The names of the four members of the minority bloc aligned with the governor were listed on the resolution but they are expected not to sign off on it. They are minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan), Reps. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), and Richard Seman (R-Saipan). Fital is president of the Republican Party.

Allegations

The previously introduced yet defeated impeachment resolution listed 16 articles. Fifteen of them are retained in the new resolution while the one related to non-remittance of employer contribution to the NMI Retirement Fund was removed.

The new resolution then added three allegations of neglect of duty related to the governor's failure to nominate for Senate consideration a commissioner for the Department of Public Safety, a secretary for the Department of Public Lands, and a secretary for the Department of Public Works.

Of the 18 allegations in H.R. 18-2, nine are for neglect, five for corruption, and four for commission of a felony.

Newly installed Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and other senators declined to comment on the pre-filed resolution, citing the need to be fair and impartial about the issue.

Fital is the first CNMI governor to be the subject of a pre-filed and/or introduced impeachment resolution.

The governor attended yesterday's

inaugural session of the Senate, while Inos was at the House inaugural session. The two sessions were held simultaneously.

Fital has repeatedly told the media that removing him from office won't solve the critical issues facing the CNMI.

The 26-page resolution's impeachable offenses were in connection with Fital's use of a federal inmate temporarily taken out of prison to give him a massage at his house during the wee hours in January 2010, failure to nominate a Supreme Court chief justice and members of the Public Utilities Commission, and failure to remit full contributions to the NMI Retirement Fund since 2006.

The resolution also included the award of an almost \$400,000 sole-source ARRA management contract to a former Cabinet official within days of resignation in 2010, and failure to remove a former attorney general after it became clear that the AG used public funds and other resources for a political campaign or gathering.

The rest involved ordering or conspiring to use armed police and ports police officers to shield the former AG from being served a penal summons in connection with criminal charges filed against him, and the signing of a 25-year, \$190.8-million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC. The new attorney general, Joey Patrick San Nicolas, has already declared the PPA void and unenforceable.

Rota's Calvo joins MVA board



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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, inducts Vicente M. Calvo as the newest director of the Marianas Visitors Authority board, as MVA managing director holds the Bible during yesterday's swearing in at the governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

The newest director of the Marianas Visitors Authority board stressed the need to capitalize on the unique and attractive features of each island in the Northern Marianas to boost its tourism industry.

Vicente M. Calvo, at the same time, said that the lack of air services to the southernmost island should be addressed so that it can entice prospective tourists, particularly from the neighboring island of Guam.

Calvo, who represents Rota on the MVA board, was sworn into office by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday on Capital Hill. The event also served as the investiture for elected members of the municipal councils on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Fitial appointed Calvo to the board of the agency tasked to promote and develop the CNMI as a destination of choice for visitors from all over the world, while providing a maximum quality of life for its people.

The MVA is governed by a

nine-member board of directors, five of them appointed by the governor and the remaining four elected by members of the agency. Calvo's appointment was confirmed by the 17th Senate on Jan. 8.

Calvo said after the ceremony that each island in the Commonwealth has distinctive features that could entice certain kinds of tourists.

Citing Rota as an example, Calvo said the southernmost island of the Northern Marianas is known for rare flora and fauna and that could be the start of a new niche market.

Calvo noted that Rota's annual Blue Triathlon every November is expanding each year, thus the need to support marketing efforts to promote the event and invite more triathletes to participate in the competition.

Facilities on Rota should undergo a makeover, he said, to reflect that the island is a place where tourists can have fun and be safe at the same time.

But all measures to develop and improve what Rota has to

offer will be put to waste unless the issue of limited air seats is addressed, according to Calvo.

He emphasized that Rota has potential tourists from Guam, and this market alone can help sustain businesses on Rota.

Calvo said he plans to meet with the MVA management to know if the situation is being evaluated and the corresponding steps being taken to solve the problem.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA to join Massive Bingo Bonanza

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be sponsoring a Bingo Spectacular fundraising event in partnership with the Massive Bingo Bonanza on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at the former Fishing Base Complex, across the Horiguchi Building in Garapan. Participants will have the opportunity to vie for a \$1,000 cash payout prize. Tickets are \$20 for one package, each package providing 10 games. The doors will open at 2pm and the games will start at 3pm in the afternoon.

The community is encouraged to come down and enjoy the games, and assist the very worthy cause of facilitating cancer programs in the CNMI. All proceeds from the event will go to CCA. Contact the CCA at 682-0050 or by email at ccamarianas@gmail.com for tickets or for more information about CCA and its programs. **(CCA)**

Tinian Municipal Council inauguration reset

This is to inform all guests of the 14th Municipal Council of Tinian and Aguihan that the Inauguration has been rescheduled to Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013, out of respect for the untimely passing and funeral of a Tinian resident. For more information on the Inaugural schedule, contact the Mayor's Office of Tinian and Aguihan at (670) 433-1800 or 433-1802. **(PR)**

Survivors, caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association's monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room starting

at 5:30pm. This month's support meeting guest speaker will be Nola Hix, MMAC subcommittee survivors' chairperson. Her presentation will focus on MMAC 2013. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. **(PR)**

MHS Class of '83 sets general meeting

The MHS Class of 1983 will have a general meeting on Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at Minatchom Atdao Pavilion, Susupe, Civic Center Beach, at 7pm. For more information, call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. **(PR)**

CCA sets general membership meeting

All friends, volunteers, partners, and clients of the Commonwealth Cancer Association and all members of the community are invited to the general membership meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at 5:30pm at CCA's Conference Room in Guarlo Rai.

The agenda will include the 2012 annual report of the president and treasurer, election of four CCA board members, and an opportunity for public comments. Nominations for board members will be accepted on the floor. For more information, contact CCA at 682-0050 or email ccamarianas@gmail.com. **(PR)**

Saipan municipal council sets meeting

The 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council will hold an organizational session on Jan. 14, 2013, at 9:30am at the Municipal Council chambers in Chalan Kanoa. For more information, contact the Municipal Council office at 664-2700/2701. **(PR)**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-ZB-064**

SUBMISSION DATE: JANUARY 31, 2013 * TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**"OFFICE SPACE LEASE ON SAIPAN FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH ZONING BOARD"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

THE PROPOSER MUST COMPLY WITH CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A) - (D).

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ DIEGO C. BLANCO
CHAIRMAN, ZONING BOARD

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-DPS-051**

SUBMISSION DATE: JANUARY 30, 2013 * TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**"TO ADMINISTER AND MANAGE DPS 408
GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY"**

THE COMPLETE CONTENTS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 08, 2013 AND MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DRIVE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH

/S/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO
ACTING COMMISSIONER, DPS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary**
 - 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Roll Call
 - 3) Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments ¹**
- III. New Business**
 1. Adoption of Proposed Regulations as Final:
 - a. Restraints & Seclusions
 - b. Special Education Emergency Regulation
 - c. Early Intervention Program Emergency Regulation
 2. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees:
 - a. Joint Board of Education and Northern Marianas College Board of Regents
 - b. Commissioner of Education's Evaluation
 3. Head Start Program's Triennial Review and School Readiness Goals
- IV. Executive Session ²**
 - 1) Legal Updates
 - 2) Personnel
 - 3) Other matters
- V. Miscellaneous Matters**
- VI. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting**
- VII. Adjournment**

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

**The U.S. Navy
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE
in the Mariana Islands
Range Complex
Airspace Draft EA/OEA**

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment/Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) to analyze potential environmental impacts from proposed modifications to military training airspace and sea space in the Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC).

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action is to modify and extend existing military training airspace and sea space within the MIRC. This action is needed to provide a safer and more efficient training environment and to maintain military readiness.

The Navy analyzed three alternatives in the Draft EA/OEA: (1) No Action Alternative - current training activities; (2) Alternative 1 - modify and extend military airspace for public safety and training efficiency; and (3) Alternative 2 - modify and extend military airspace (similar to Alternative 1) and expand the sea space danger zone around Farallon de Medinilla from 10 nautical miles (nm) to 12 nm.

The Navy conducted a thorough assessment to determine the potential effects the Proposed Action and alternatives may have on environmental resources. The draft assessment indicates there would be no significant impact on the environment from proposed modifications to airspace and sea space.

The Navy requests your input!

- Visit www.MIRCAirspaceEA.com to review the Draft EA/OEA and provide comments
- Attend information sessions and provide comments
- Mail written comments to:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific
Attention: MIRC Airspace EA/OEA Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

**Public
Open House
Information
Sessions
5 to 8 p.m.**

Jan. 15, 2013
University of Guam
Leon Guerrero School of
Business and Public
Administration Building,
Anthony Leon Guerrero
Multi-Purpose Rm. 129
Mangilao, Guam 96923

Jan. 17, 2013
Pedro P. Tenorio
Multi-Purpose Center in
Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950

The Navy welcomes and appreciates your comments on the Draft EA/OEA. Comments must be postmarked or received by **Feb. 4, 2013**, for consideration in the Final EA/OEA.

For more information, visit www.MIRCAirspaceEA.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1 - HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of (5) years work related experience. Must have Knowledge in overhauling and troubleshooting of heavy equipment. Able to diagnose, repair or replace damaged or worn parts of equipment, observe and test the operation of equipment to diagnose malfunction using testing devices.
- 1 - AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICIAN**
High school diploma with minimum of (5) years work related experience. Must be able to diagnose and identify electronic computer components using test instruments. Ability to analyze, troubleshoot and install electronic or programmable controllers, motor starters. Rewind electric motors, transformers and generators. Perform operational, maintenance or testing procedures for electronic components, equipment or systems.
- 1 - ARCHITECT**
Applicant must possess college diploma with (8) years minimum experience as architect. Must have knowledge to prepare detailed architectural and structural drawings of civil engineering works or projects with strong computer knowledge and experience in preparing as-built and shop drawings using computer-assisted drafting (CAD) equipment and software. Ability to analyze building codes, by-laws, space and site requirements.
- 1 - PAINTER**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of (5) years work related experience. Must have knowledge to apply paint, stain, varnish, enamel, or other finishes to equipment, buildings, bridges, or other structures, using brushes, spray guns, or rollers. Ability to mix and match colors of paint, stain, or varnish with oil or thinning and drying additives to obtain desired colors and consistencies.
- 1 - WELDER**
Must have skills in welding equipment such as shielded metal arc and gas metal arc to weld components together to form repair and fabricate products. Ability to read lay outs and blue prints, follow work orders to weld components in flat, vertical or overhead positions. Minimum of (5) years work related experience.

Interested qualified applicants can submit their resume and latest police clearance via e-mail to saipan@aiconstruction.com or mail to AIC Marianas, Inc., PMB 564 PPP Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950.

Closing date: January 18, 2013

A Gallery of Inaugurations



From left, House Floor Leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), and visiting Guam Sen. Frank Aguon at the organizational session of the 18th House of Representatives on Capital Hill yesterday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) confer during a short recess in the 18th House's inaugural session.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Gardner D. Barcinas, Glenn L. Maratita, and George O. Hocog of the 14th Rota Municipal Council are sworn into office yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill. Not seen in photo is Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who is administering the oath of office.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial poses with 14th Rota Municipal Council members Gardner D. Barcinas, Glenn L. Maratita, and George O. Hocog and their family members after the swearing in yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial administers the oath of office to Ramon B. Camacho and Antonia M. Tudela of the 12th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council, as their spouses look on yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



Antonio S. Borja, Estevan P. Cabrera, and Reynaldo M. Cing of the 14th Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council are assisted by their family members during their swearing in yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill. Not seen in photo is Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who is administering the oath of office.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



Ramon B. Camacho and Antonia M. Tudela of the 12th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council are joined by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and family members after being sworn into office yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



Newly elected officials of the 14th Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council join Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, family members, and friends for a souvenir photograph after their swearing in yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



Chief Justice Alexandro Castro administers the oath of office to the 20 members of the 18th House of Representatives.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



House minority leader George Camacho, right, and other members of the House are sworn into office.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



▲ The crowd spills over to the House gallery during the organizational session of the 18th House of Representatives on Capital Hill yesterday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



◀ Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), right, is greeted by well-wishers, including Education Commissioner Rita Saban, left, at the inauguration of the 18th Senate yesterday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, right, and other guests at the Senate's organizational session.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Senate floor leader Victor Hocog, second from right, with judges and other visitors at the Senate's inaugural session yesterday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, right, receives a report from Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), left, and Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), that the 18th House of Representatives is fully organized and ready to conduct business.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Sen. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), seated, and Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) during a short session break.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Jere Johnson is magazine's Exec of the Year

TAMUNING, Guam—Jerrold C. "Jere" Johnson, president of Hawaiian Rock Products, was named the 2012 *Guam Business Magazine* Executive of the Year on Jan. 12, 2013, at the 30th annual *Guam Business Magazine* Executive of the Year gala at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Johnson, 62, was among eight nominees on the slate for the annual award program, which recognizes executives who have made outstanding contributions to the local business community and raised the bar in the field in which they are involved.

Johnson is featured in portrait on the cover of the *Guam Business Magazine* January-February issue, which was released at the gala concurrently with the announcement of the winner's name.

Johnson has headed Hawaiian Rock Products since 1985. The company is the largest supplier of the material—primarily ready mixed concrete, hot mixed asphalt and concrete masonry blocks—for the construction of residential buildings and developments, hotels, Guam's hospital, commercial buildings, airport runways, roads, and a host of other projects—large, small and in between—in Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Palau.

Hawaiian Rock employs about 400 workers at its four locations in the region. It also has a fleet of more than 200 construction vehicles and occupies more than 300 acres in Mangilao, as well as batch plants in Agat and at Andersen Air Force Base.

Johnson was born in San Rafael, Calif., and received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 1972. The following year he was hired as a construction engineer by Hawaiian Dredging in Hawaii. He worked for Hawaiian Dredging until 1984, and during his tenure was promoted to construction superintendent and then general superintendent. He was also assigned to Guam for a year in 1979.

In 1985, he was asked to move to Guam to be vice president and general manager of Hawaiian Rock and in 1990, he was named to his current position as president of the company.

Over the years, Hawaiian Rock has received Certificates of Award from the Guam Contractors Association recognizing Hawaiian Rock for its contributions as the subcontractor/supplier to more than 40 award-winning projects of all types. It also received letters of recogni-



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tion from the Commonwealth Ports Authority in the Northern Mariana Islands for a number of projects at the Saipan and Tinian airports.

The company was recognized by the Guam Contractors License Board as an Outstanding Contractor of the Year 1987, the 1988 Contractor of the Year for valuable contribution to the community and exemplary performance from a company, and the Outstanding Specialty Contractor for the Year 1992-1993.

In 1988, Johnson was named one of the Pacific Jaycee's three Outstanding Young People of Guam.

In addition to its business success, Johnson considers the company's community involvement an important aspect of its Guam operations. "As a good corporate citizen, we contribute to a long list of nonprofit companies," he said.

Hawaiian Rock and its employees have contributed more than \$100,000 to The Sugar Plum Tree Inc. since its inception in 1984. It supports the Parent Teacher Organizations and a variety of clubs at the island's public and private schools. Its support of Guam Community College includes assisting the GCC apprenticeship programs and its fundraising activities. The company contributed \$50,000 in materials to the construction of the original GCC Foundation Building and has committed another \$100,000 in materials to future GCC projects.

At the University of Guam, Hawaiian Rock has contributed \$100,000 in materials to past construction projects and has committed \$250,000 in materials to future projects and is committed to helping to raise funds for UOG's 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign.

It contributed \$10,000 to the construction of the GCA Trades Academy building in Barrigada.

Hawaiian Rock supports the Boy Scouts of America and the Guam Girl Scouts, Junior Achievement and other youth organizations. In addition, it supports the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross Guam Chapter, the Edward M. Calvo Foundation, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam, Guam Diabetes Association, Rainbows for all Children-Guam, the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association Charity Ball Fund Drive, the Relay for Life and the Kamalen Karidat shelter for the homeless. It supports the Guam Museum Foundation Inc., the Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, Gef' Pago Cultural Village, the Guam Symphony Society, the Archdiocese of Agana, the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, a number of Catholic parishes and the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It supports the Guam USO, the Guam Foundation for the Marine Corps, the annual Christmas Drop, the 554th Red Horse Squadron, the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, the Guam Chinese Contractors Associa-

tion, the Guam Marianas Lions Club, Soroptimist International of Guam and the Guam Women's Club, among other civic organizations. Hawaiian Rock supports Little League teams, national soccer teams, Dragon Boat Federation equipment and teams, outrigger canoe equipment and teams, master's baseball teams, the Guam Tennis Federation and many village sports teams.

Johnson is industry chairman of the UOG Construction Industry 60th Year Anniversary Capital Campaign, board member of the Guam Employers Council, president of the Guam Dragon Boat Federation, state director of the National Asphalt Paving Association, member of the Armed Forces Committee of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, member of the Andersen Air Force Base Civilian Advisory Council, life member of the Navy League of the United States, member of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, a sustaining member of the Society of American Military Engineers, a founding board member of the Sugar Plum Tree Inc., board member emeritus of the St. John's School board of trustees, past chairman of the Guam Contractors Association, past board member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, past vice chairman of the GCC Foundation board of governors and past president of the Central East Little League.

He and his wife, Darleen, have two sons: Vance, 30, and Reyn, 22.

The other seven 2012 *Guam Business Magazine* Executive of the Year nominees were Preston J. Antonini, general manager, DFS Tumon Bay Galleria; Jose C. Ayuyu, president and owner, JCA Inc. (dba McDonald's of Saipan) and RJ Corp., president Paradise Realty Inc. and proprietor, Dandan Postal Services; Paul K. Baron, Pacific Business Group manager, GHD Inc.; Agustin Davalos, Citi country officer/country business manager for Citibank N.A.-Guam; Jerrold C. "Jere" Johnson, president of Hawaiian Rock Products; Sandra H. McKeever, president of Asia Pacific Financial Management Group; Christopher S. Murphy, principal broker of The Real Estate Professionals; and Rizk C. Saad, president of American Watertek and owner of NuForm Fitness.

The annual *Guam Business Magazine* Executive of the Year gala is a fundraising event for the Guam chapter of the American Red Cross. This year's event drew nearly 300 people. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Jan. 15, 1999

House to decide on shortened immunity

Members of the House of Representatives are to vote today on several measures, including a proposal to shorten the current amnesty period for illegal foreign workers as well as a bill to ensure payment of retirement bonus for recently retired government employees. Today's session, the first for this year, is also expected to tackle pending bills passed by the Senate last month before they called for recess during the Christmas holiday. House Majority Floor leader Ana Teregeyo said the bill seeking to change the effectivity of the limited immunity law from six months to three months is a priority in its agenda. "We will act on those passed by the Senate as well as other concerns such as resolutions," she told in an interview yesterday.

Saipan mayor gets \$500K from poker fees

Saipan mayor's office yesterday received \$500,000 in additional budget after local legislators voted to set aside part of revenues from license fees of poker and pachinko slot machines, becoming the first government agency to forego the recent 13.5 percent spending cut. With the new money, the office is in effect getting more than the amount reduced from its initial appropriation of \$2.4 million, which reached to some \$325,000, for FY 1999. The decision by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, however, may trigger conflict with the Tenorio administration, which has identified the poker fees as source for matching millions of dollars in federal grants under the Capital Improvement Projects.

Jan. 15, 2001

House OKs special account for tobacco funds

Legislation creating a special account for millions of dollars in future payments received by the CNMI under the tobacco settlement agreement has passed the House of Representatives and is now awaiting action in the Senate. To determine how the funds will be spent, lawmakers will have to appropriate the money to departments or agencies of the government that have established spending plan, based on the measure. Sponsored by Health and Welfare Committee chair Rep. Malua T. Peter, HB 12-290 was drafted to ensure appropriation of the \$30 million share of the Commonwealth in the \$206 billion settlement reached by U.S. states and territories with tobacco companies.

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Jan. 15, 2002

13th House talks economy

Hours into their inauguration, one of the new congressmen announced that he will be introducing a joint resolution declaring the CNMI as a disaster area. Rep. Daniel Quitugua said he will introduce the joint resolution today to enable the Commonwealth to obtain federal assistance as a means to help the economy bounce back from the crisis brought about by the continuing Asian contagion and the ripple effects of the 911 attack on New York and Washington DC. Yesterday inauguration ceremony for the 13th House of Representatives hewed to the tradition of solemnity and convention, unlike the Senate, which heralded the first day of business with an argument.

New mayor: Name on Saipan streets

There is a greater chance that Saipan's roads and thoroughfares would have street names this year, as Mayor Juan Borja Tudela vowed to make the project one of his administration's top priorities. Tudela said he wanted to finally implement the street naming project, which has remained pending for several years. "My main priority as of now is trying to follow up the naming of the streets. That's top priority," Saipan Local Law No. 11-3, which is known as the Saipan Street Naming and Street Numbering Act of 1998, also requires the assigning of numbered addresses, aside from the naming of streets.

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUT



Happy 5th birthday to an always smiling, happy, and joyous son, grandson, and big brother, Luis Joaquin "L.J. Boy" Litulumar Taman! May God bless you always on your very special day and may you also have many more birthdays to come. We love you always L.J. Boy! Enjoy, have fun and blow out your candles! Lots of love from the entire family, most especially your little sisters Lisa girl and baby Kyuwi.

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Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Terry Kisa, who celebrated her special day on Jan. 14, 2013. Wishing you a wonderful year with lots of love and happiness. God bless and we love you! Greetings coming out from your family and friends.

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THREE MONTHS AFTER MEDICARE VISIT, CITATIONS

Healthcare corporation bares new equipment, other progress

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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Three months after a team visit by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has made great strides in several areas that puts the island's lone public hospital in a more stable condition, according to corporation officials.

Corporation CEO Juan N.

Babauta, along with chief operating officer Esther Muna and emergency preparedness director Warren Villagomez, gave *Saipan Tribune* a tour Friday of the various improvements at the hospital to resolve the serious deficiencies cited by Medicare.

First stop in the two-hour walkthrough was the newly upgraded main front and ER entrance automatic door sliders for patients' safety and security.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta, left, and hospital respiratory therapist Doug Remington stand beside CHC's state-of-the-art ventilator during a tour at the facility Friday.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta shows one of the 10 newly procured defibrillators at the hospital.

This upgrade, which cost the corporation over \$5,000, is in addition to the newly designated security post at the hospital entrance, providing 24/7 security detail inside the facility.

Up next was the just arrived 16 Slice Seimen CT scan installed at the radiology department, which cost the corporation about \$300,000. This medical equipment is in addition to 10 brand new defibrillators acquired in October, cost-

ing \$12,000 each.

To address issues on infection control standards, Babauta said the corporation upgraded the unit's linoleum and replaced the operating room gurneys and mattresses. Villagomez disclosed that these upgrades cost about \$17,000.

The inpatient pharmacy's vertical hood blower was upgraded to the tune of over \$5,000.

According to the officials, the hospital is also expecting the

shipment of a new dishwasher for the dietary unit, which cost the corporation over \$60,000. It is slated to arrive on Feb. 9 from the East Coast.

The hospital's medication room doors were upgraded with numeric fingerprint and key door lock to keep the room closed at all times. Cost to upgrade the two doors was \$4,000, according to Villagomez.

Also disclosed Friday is the approval of the procurement of chemo-waste, the contract of which has been executed and is just awaiting proper packaging materials for transshipment with APEC Pacific.

The corporation has also procured a new boiler worth about \$500,000 to replace the dilapidated unit at the hospital.

According to Babauta, these

latest upgrades are in addition to many other small improvements earlier completed for the hospital in an effort to address all concerns raised by Medicare.

To date, the corporation had spent over a \$1million to procure new equipment and upgrades, sourced from both federal grants and its own revenue.

During the tour Friday, corporation officials also received updates from almost all units and sections that were visited and inspected. Units visited included the neonatal intensive care unit, respiratory care, laboratory section, operating room, emergency room, inpatient pharmacy, psychiatry section, and the new centralized billing and collection department of the hospital.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta checks the newly installed 16 Slice Siemen Ct Scan at the hospital's radiology department last Friday.

New municipal council officials sworn into office

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Newly elected officials of the municipal councils on Saipan & Northern Islands, Tinian & Aguiguan, and Rota vowed to serve their respective districts as they took their oaths yesterday morning at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial swore in Ramon B. Camacho and Antonia M. Tudela of the 12th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council; Antonio S. Borja, Estevan P. Cabrera, and Reynaldo M. Cing of the 14th Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council; and Gardner D. Barcinas, Glenn L. Maratita, and George O. Hocog of the 14th Rota Municipal Council.

The venue was packed with family members, administration officials, and other guests who witnessed Monday's event.

Members of the Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council proceeded to their Chalan Kanoa office where they called to order their first official meeting where Camacho was re-elected chair and Tudela vice chair and secretary.

Camacho, who is now on his third term with the coun-



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Newly elected officials of the municipal councils on Saipan & Northern Islands, Tinian & Aguiguan, and Rota have their picture taken with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial after their swearing in yesterday morning at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

cil, said they will continue working with the community through programs such as Adopt-a-Place and crime prevention initiatives like the Neighborhood Watch Task Force. They will also continue to push for the creation of a public farmer's market in col-

laboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

For Tinian & Aguiguan's Cabrera, he extended his gratitude to his constituents for electing him on his second consecutive term. He revealed that all three members had a caucus and agreed to

have council member Borja as chair, Cabrera as vice chair, and Cing as secretary.

Cabrera said the council will continue to protect the island's casino industry, adding that its development would have positive impact on the entire CNMI. Other council priorities, he said,

would include scholarship and supplemental medical assistance for Tinian residents.

Rota's Barcinas, for his part, said the 14th council aims to make changes that would bring prosperity to the southernmost island of the Northern Marianas.

A first-time council member, Barcinas said his pet projects would focus on the youth and Rota's agriculture industry, with emphasis on sustainable farming.

The council's first organizational meeting is scheduled within the week.

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EDITORIAL

Nobody wins

Fans can't be surprised that home run king Barry Bonds, ace pitcher Roger Clemens and slugger Sammy Sosa were not elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame this year.

But nobody?

Bonds, a seven-time MVP who holds the single-season and career home run records, collected votes from 36.2 percent of the baseball writers casting ballots. Clemens, the only seven-time Cy Young winner, got 37.6 percent. Sosa, famous for a 1998 home run duel and a 2003 corked bat, got 12.5. They needed 75 percent.

All three have been linked to performance-enhancing drugs. We get that. They don't deserve the honor.

But the baseball writers also declined to admit Astros' slugger Craig Biggio (68.2 percent); his teammate, first baseman Jeff Bagwell (59.6 percent); Mets catcher Mike Piazza (57.8 percent); or any of 31 other eligible players.

For only the eighth time, no player was elected. Bummer.

Our gripe isn't with the writers who collectively set the bar for entry into baseball's shrine. Stars who cheated should be excluded. It's galling enough to have to see their performance records on the books.



From left, former San Francisco Giants baseball player Barry Bonds, former Major League baseball pitcher Roger Clemens, and former baseball player Sammy Sosa.

But we're just disappointed when a momentous honor is in play and the winner is ... nobody.

It happens. Just last year, the Pulitzer Prize board declined to name a winner in the fiction category, to the dismay of readers who loved Karen Russell's "Swamplandia." (No award for editorial writing, either. Hey!)

The Grammys' Best New Artist award, the kiss of death to countless rising stars, was not given in 1967.

It used to be fairly common for the Nobel Peace Prize to go unclaimed: It happened 18 times between 1901 and 1972, including five years in a row from 1939 to 1943. A winner has been named every year since 1973.

Time magazine has been known to punt on its Person of the Year honor, bestowing it on American Women in 1975, The Computer in 1982 and You in 2006. But at least Time never devoted its end-of-the-year cover to Nobody.

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AIG board comes to its senses

Had the American International Group completely lost its collective mind? We weren't sure a day ago, but fortunately, the answer appears to be no.

Former AIG CEO Maurice "Hank" Greenberg is suing the federal government for \$25 billion on behalf of

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Lincoln, the Supreme Court, and the Reconstruction Revolution

By DOUG KENDALL and TOM DONNELLY
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Could a film alter the course of Supreme Court history? If the justices take a trip to their local movie theaters to see "Lincoln," Steven Spielberg's Golden Globe-nominated film just might. Rather than focusing mainly on the famous battles, famous generals, or even the Civil War itself, Lincoln showcases the hard-fought struggle over the Thirteenth Amendment and highlights some of the forgotten leaders who led the ratification fight. It is this focus on an essential—and essentially lost—part of our constitutional history that makes Spielberg's film so perfectly timed and potentially significant.

While "Lincoln" ends with its namesake's tragic demise, Reconstruction's forgotten heroes—Thaddeus Stevens, Charles Sumner and John Bingham, among others—went on to add two more historic amendments to our Constitution, Amendments that apply directly to each of the civil rights issues facing the court this term.

As the court prepares to rule on marriage equality, affirmative action and voting rights, the justices should follow Spielberg's lead and honor our Reconstruction Founders and the soaring guarantees that they enshrined in our nation's charter.

Let's begin with the marriage equality cases. In enacting the Fourteenth Amendment, the Reconstruction Framers chose sweeping, universal language: "No State shall ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." In so doing, they rejected other proposed language that would have limited the amendment to combating racial discrimination alone, choosing instead to incorporate into our Constitution the broad promise of the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal." Indeed, the Fourteenth Amendment perfects the Declaration by universalizing it—substituting the word "persons" for Jefferson's "men." As such, the amendment provides all persons—whether black or white, woman or man, gay or straight—with a constitutional sword to combat invidious discrimination. That guarantee is the constitutional foundation for marriage equality.

Turning next to affirmative action, in Fisher v. University of Texas, a white student is challenging UT-Austin's admissions policy, arguing that it violates the Equal Protection Clause because it allows the university to take race into account, as one factor among many, in making admissions decisions. However, the Reconstruction Framers—those who wrote and helped to ratify the very clause that the challengers rely upon in Fisher—themselves enacted race-conscious measures, including efforts to ensure equality of educational opportunity for African-Americans. For instance, during the late 1860s, the federal government provided land and money for

more than a dozen colleges and universities that primarily served African-American students. Therefore, the Reconstruction generation, like UT-Austin, recognized that in certain contexts race-conscious measures were necessary to ensure that equal opportunities were available to all.

Finally, turning to voting rights, Shelby County v. Holder involves a challenge to the preclearance requirement of the Voting Rights Act—a critical provision reauthorized by a near-unanimous Congress in 2006 that requires states with a history of racial discrimination in voting to get "preclearance" by the federal government of any change in voting. In Shelby County, the challengers argue that this requirement is an affront to state sovereignty.

However, the Fifteenth Amendment gave Congress—not the courts, and certainly not the states—authority to enact legislation necessary to end racial discrimination in state elections. Indeed, the text of the Amendment itself provides in sweeping terms that "Congress shall have the power to enforce" its provisions "by appropriate legislation." When Congress acts to prevent racial discrimination in voting, such measures are entitled to great deference.

"Lincoln," by casting Spielberg's unparalleled movie-making magic on the fight over the Thirteenth Amendment, could be the beginning of a profoundly necessary change in our understanding of constitutional history. Americans tend to treat our 1787 Founding Fathers as demigods and their words as constitutional gospel. These Founders should be revered for drafting the greatest governing charter in world history.

But it's also true that they wrote slavery into that charter, and it was left to our Reconstruction Founders to write it out with the Thirteenth Amendment. More than that, with the Fourteenth Amendment, those same Reconstruction Founders wrote the key passage of Jefferson's Declaration into our Constitution and perfected it by making it universal.

Finally, by ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment, they launched our most sustained project of constitutional improvement: the series of Amendments that expanded the franchise and established the right to vote as the most fundamental of all our constitutional guarantees.

"Lincoln" is a great start, but a movie can only take America so far. Only the Supreme Court can truly give our Reconstruction Founders, and the Amendments that they produced, their appropriate due, and rarely have so many important cases been lined up to present ripe opportunities for the Court to do so. The stakes are high, and the world is watching.

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A militarized Japan?

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Japan's new prime minister, Shinzo Abe, has announced plans to revise his country's famous pacifist constitutional provision, Article 9, which renounces "war as a sovereign right of the nation."

On the surface, Abe's proposal may seem merely symbolic, suggesting that he simply wants to add an explicit recognition of the country's right to military self-defense. Since Japan has long maintained "self-defense" forces, the predictable expressions of concern in foreign capitals may seem overblown.

But this high-visibility change is only a small part of a sweeping constitutional revision proposed by Abe's resurgent Liberal Democratic Party. The proposed draft authorizes the parliament to declare a military emergency during which Cabinet decrees would have the force of law. It also rewrites a provision to eliminate the constitutional ban on military conscription.

The proposed revision radically redefines other basic commitments. Article 97 of the constitution now declares that "the fundamental human rights ... guaranteed to the people of Japan are fruits of the age-old struggle of man to be free; they ... are conferred upon this and future generations in trust, to be held for all time inviolate." The LDP would erase this statement of principle.

Worse, the draft emphatically declares that "a citizen may not abuse his rights and freedoms. He should be aware of his responsibility and obligation to the community and exercise his rights in a way that does not conflict with the public interest and public order."

Why I don't keep a gun in my house

By **TOM CONDON**
THE HARTFORD COURANT

After the Newtown massacre, a friend asked me if I kept a gun in my house. No, I do not, for several reasons. The first is personal experience.

The last time I had a gun in my place of residence was in Vietnam. In early 1970, my Army unit moved to the river city of Can Tho, in the Mekong Delta. It was not a particularly dangerous place, but every once in a while there'd be a reminder that a war was going on.

We—a small group of commissioned and warrant officers—stayed in an old French guest house on a main street. We slept with our helmets, flak vests and rifles under our cots. One morning just before dawn, a booby trapped jeep blew sky-high in front of the building. I awoke to a wall of fire and noise, rolled out of bed in a semi-conscious fog and leveled the M-16 at the explosion.

A figure darted in front of the large window. A sapper? I put my finger on the trigger, but didn't squeeze it. In a second or two I recognized the person. I had nearly shot the housemaid, mama-san, the pleasant, hardworking older woman who cleaned the place. I closed my eyes, breathed deeply and thanked God.

I happily turned in the black rifle when my tour was over, and haven't picked up a gun since.

There's also the data. Despite the National Rifle Association's shamefully successful efforts to stymie research (30,000 deaths and 70,000 injuries from guns in the United States each year is not a public health

This would replace a moderate limitation clause in the constitution.

Even fundamental political liberties are put at risk. A new provision would put citizens on notice that they cannot exercise their freedom of speech or association "for the purpose of harming the public interest and public order."

These proposed changes are far more serious than a symbolic assertion of a right to collective self-defense. The LDP is proposing to build the foundation for an authoritarian and militarized Japan. Will it succeed?

The constitution has a rigorous ratification process for changes. First, any amendment must be approved by two-thirds of both houses of the parliament and then by the people in a special referendum. Abe may be planning to change the supermajority requirement.

But lowering the bar may not be necessary given the smashing victory of the LDP and other nationalist parties in the recent elections for the lower house. A newspaper survey of its newly elected members suggests that more than 70 percent support revision of the pacifist clauses, though it isn't clear whether the entire LDP draft commands comparable support.

The next big test will come in the July elections for the upper house. If the right wing wins big again, the constitutional revolution will move into high gear.

For the moment, the Japanese public seems cool to Abe's project. A recent poll, for example, reported that only 32 percent were in favor, with 53% opposed, to a change in Article 9's commitment to peace. The sweeping right-wing victory owed more to the previous government's failure to deal with Japan's economic difficulties and its tragic nuclear crisis.

problem?), there are studies that say a gun in the house is much more likely to be used in a suicide or homicide than to repel an intruder.

According to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, a gun in the home is 11 times more likely to be used in a completed or attempted suicide, seven times more likely to be used in a criminal assault or homicide and four times more likely to be involved in an unintentional shooting death or injury than to be used in a self-defense shooting. Disagree with the numbers? Then allow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to research the issue.

After Newtown, it was somewhat surprising to learn that about two-thirds of the 30,000 gun deaths a year are suicides. And yet, maybe it shouldn't be surprising. Someone is badly depressed, maybe has had a few drinks, and starts thinking that the gun in the drawer is his only way out. I knew a guy who did this. Perhaps the worst part was that after he shot himself in the head he didn't die right away.

I also wonder about the efficacy of keeping a gun in the house. I wouldn't keep a loaded gun. Though my children now are in their 20s, we have relatives and friends with younger kids who visit fairly often. On the other hand, I can't imagine an unloaded gun being much help, in a pinch.

Some people keep loaded guns in gun safes and bring them out at night. I really don't want to be stumbling around at night with a loaded gun; God only knows what will happen. I've been there.

Also, I question whether I need it. I have good door and window locks and live in a densely populated area where people walk at most hours of the day and look out for one another. The town has a

decodes one's use of language by the words expressed. When words do not perform the clarity and preciseness of the meaning intended, the words used are inferior, and the communicator suffers because he should have sought alternative words to convey the precise meaning and thus come to an agreement with the receiver of the communication.

We can label people by the use of four quadrants. The upper left, we can say the first quadrant, is for people who say, "I know that I know." The upper right quadrant should be reserved for people who say, "I know that I don't know." The lower left quadrant should be the sanctuary of people that say, "I don't know that I know." And the least desirable, the lower right quadrant, is for people who could not level well with reality and are thus cast as people who say, "I don't know that I don't know." The adjectives "upper" and "lower" fit in these scenarios. All that is left is for Mr. Segundo Castro to select which "upper" or "lower" designation he wishes to pluck his thoughts on this matter.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

Nevertheless, Japan's politics are in a remarkably fluid condition. With seven prime ministers in six years, it would be foolish to make predictions. This is the second time Abe has been prime minister. He rose to power in 2006 with similar constitutional ambitions, and his government collapsed a year later. But history may not repeat itself.

Only one thing is clear: Human rights groups throughout the world should mobilize public opinion against the LDP's constitutional revolution.

So far as governments are concerned, this should be a period of watchful waiting. Heavy-handed condemnations of the Abe government would only provoke nationalistic backlash. After all, Japan's constitution was promulgated during the U.S. military occupation, and it is perfectly appropriate for the current generation to take ownership of its foundational text. The diplomatic challenge is to respect the sovereign rights of the Japanese people without helping the current government consolidate its grip on power.

In practical terms, this means President Obama should reject all efforts by the Japanese government to take a more prominent military role in its long-standing alliance with the United States. Given America's strapped financial condition, it may well make sense to restructure Pacific relationships over the long run. But now is not the time. Obama should wait for the dust to settle and see whether the Japanese people build upon, or repudiate, their postwar experiment in liberal democracy.

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very good police department. I also have a baseball bat.

Finally, for any of you in the burgling community, there's nothing in my house worth stealing, and much of what is there will end up on freecycle.org.

I know levelheaded people who know their way around firearms and keep handguns for home protection, and I don't have a problem with that. The problem is that guns get into the hands of people who do not meet those qualifications.

I know what the Newtown weapon can do to a human body. I could barely sleep for two nights after those children and women were killed. If we can't pass sensible gun laws now, we are utterly pathetic.

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AIG

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shareholders, alleging that the \$182 billion U.S. bailout of the Wall Street conglomerate in 2008 cost shareholders billions because of its "onerous terms." Wednesday the board considered whether AIG itself should join that lawsuit. Ultimately, it decided not to.

Smart move, for sure. Taxpayers who knew this little drama was playing must have been ready to explode: Remember, if the federal government hadn't stepped in during those final months of the Bush administration, the insurance firm — one of the too-big-to-fail conglomerates — would have gone bankrupt, and shareholders' stock might have been worthless.

The absurdity of the suit is wonderfully captured by AIG's marketing department, which is running a "Thank you, America" campaign for saving the company.

Following the collapse of Lehman Brothers, AIG became the poster child for reckless Wall Street mismanagement for the extent to which it had backed risky credit-default swaps. AIG has repaid the government in full for the bailout, but the fact that it even considered joining the lawsuit is a reminder that Wall Street requires close watching and smart regulation to avoid another financial disaster for the American economy.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR






The four quadrants

In a way of agreeing with Mr. Segundo Castro of Fresno, Calif., regarding the obfuscation of the caption "upper house" and "lower house" when referring to a specific chamber of the CNMI Legislature, let me just point out some critical consideration why we should stay what little rationale the lad has concerning this matter. For one thing, if the prehistoric cave drawings were as clear and straightforward in modern man's linguistic protocol and syntax, we wouldn't need a dictionary for all of man's creation and invention about the natural descriptions of nature. It is true that we perceive nature in abstract form, unless you are directly within the realm of the reality you are actually perceiving, the present. All things past are in your memory and are recalled by your consciousness. Thus, in a state of consciousness, you perceive what your brain allows you to extract from your past experiences. Hence, you are not in the state of being in the future there is no tomorrow. One

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly clear. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Yap	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 82
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 81
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 81
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 81

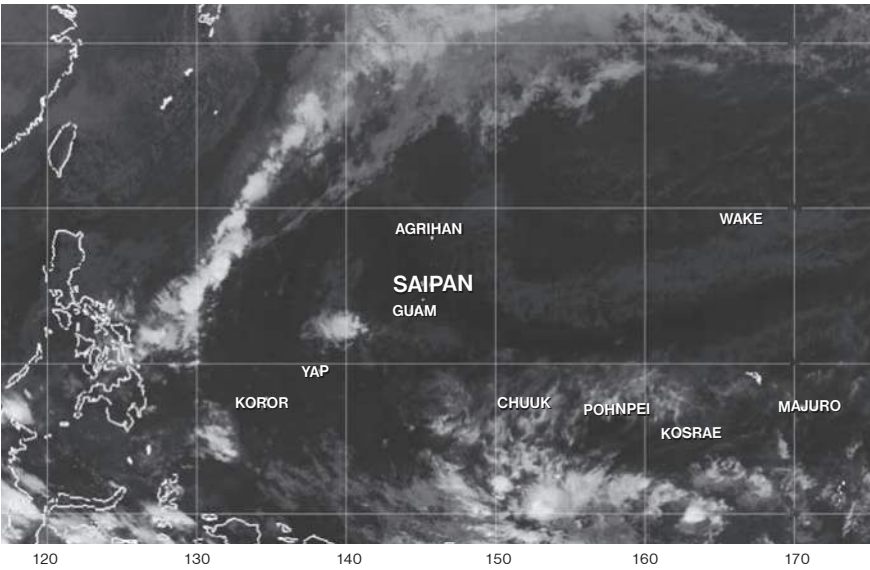
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Beijing	Sunny	▲ 32 ▼ 14
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 66 ▼ 60
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 68
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 36 ▼ 30
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 41
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 74
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 56
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 67
New York	Cloudy	▲ 41 ▼ 36
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 44 ▼ 34
Paris	Frozen Rain	▲ 33 ▼ 27
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 44 ▼ 26
Rome	Showers	▲ 48 ▼ 41
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 45 ▼ 27
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 55 ▼ 40
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 31 ▼ 12
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 40 ▼ 31
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 43 ▼ 39

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:04 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
10:42 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	
4:50 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet	
9:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N137E to beyond 130E at 13N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found along and up to 200 miles northwest of the front. A shear line extends west-southwestward from east of Wake Island at 17N175E to 13N152E then curves to the northwest to end near Iwo To island at 21N141E. Clouds and scattered showers are found along and up to 250 miles north of this boundary. Another shear line extends west-southwestward from 14N180 to near Pohnpei at 7N157E. Low clouds and scattered showers are located north of the Marshall Islands and Pohnpei along and up to 150 miles northwest of this feature. A shear line fragment between Yap and Guam is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 11N and 13N from 138E to 148E. A west-wind surge is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Koror between 3N and 7N from 131E to 134E. A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 1N130E to 2N141E to end at the equator and 168E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Majuro south of a line from 3N141E to 5N148E to 3N175E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:47 AM	6:06 PM
Wednesday	6:47 AM	6:07 PM
Thursday	6:47 AM	6:07 PM
Friday	6:47 AM	6:08 PM
Saturday	6:47 AM	6:08 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:12 AM	9:28 PM
Wednesday	9:55 AM	10:21 PM
Thursday	10:36 AM	11:12 PM
Friday	11:16 AM	
Saturday	11:57 AM	12:02 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 1020	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Business

Delta launches new Fly Delta app for iPad

ATLANTA—Delta Air Lines unveiled yesterday the Fly Delta app for iPad. This is part of a \$140-million investment in technology implemented by Delta. The launch of the app is latest in a phased rollout of a significantly improved online and digital customer experience which also included the 2012 launches of the new delta.com in November and revamped self-service kiosks in September.

The Fly Delta app for iPad features a “Glass Bottom Jet,” through which customers will have the ability to view the ground below in a unique way that includes maps, social networks and internet content while connected to the Internet on any of Delta’s more than 800 Wi-Fi-equipped aircraft. The app also includes travel planning tools to book a trip, destination guides, flight check-in, an interactive trip map and the “What’s Next” feature to help guide customers to the next point in their journey.

“Our goal is to simplify the digital experience across the touch points where our customers already spend their time by making their interactions with Delta easy and intuitive,” said Glen Hauenstein, Delta’s executive vice president-Network Planning, Revenue Management and Marketing. “The incredible functionality and innovation found in the new iPad app embodies all that we’re doing to further improve the digital experience customers have

with Delta. All of this represents the largest investment to delta.com and digital technology in more than a decade.”

The new delta.com design features a new My Delta section which consolidates trip summaries, account details, personal preferences, payment information and travel settings in a single location. This allows customers to easily access the personalized features that mean the most to them and help maximize their travel plans. An improved My Trips section brings together all details of a customer’s trip including air, car, hotel, Trip Extras, weather information and travel alerts. The new My Wallet feature keeps payment information and receipts in a digital wallet on delta.com. Additional website enhancements will be available through a series of scheduled deployments in the first half of 2013.

“Based on customer feedback and behavior, the improvements we’ve made to delta.com and our kiosks are hitting the mark as customers are enjoying the more intuitive layout, new features, and the ability to take advantage of many of the elements that can be added to their flight experience, such as an Economy Comfort seat, extra SkyMiles and in-flight Wi-Fi,” Hauenstein said.

In future updates to delta.com, customers will see additional service improvements which will include more robust customer alerts, improvements to flight search results, enhanced

information displays and greater personalization based on their past travel behavior. Over time, delta.com and all Delta digital channels will evolve to deliver greater relevancy to the individual customer based on past interaction, new product offerings and customer information. This will result in a highly personalized online experience and improved delivery of existing critical features such as flight check-in options, which more than 90 percent of Delta customers utilize during their travel.

The brand new, redesigned Fly Delta app for iPhone was also released with the ability to book tickets and other features including integration with Passbook and iPhone 5 features. The Fly Delta app for Android will be updated in early 2013. The Fly Delta app has been downloaded more than 5.5 million times and includes popular tools including checking in for flights, accessing an eBoarding pass, changing seat assignments, tracking the upgrade list, tracking and paying for bags, receiving alerts for updated travel information, viewing airport and aircraft details and setting a parking reminder.

Changes to Delta’s self-service check-in kiosk designs were launched across all worldwide locations in September on more than 2,500 individual kiosks. The new design has reduced the average customer check-in time by more than 15 percent. The improved design streamlines the process, improves the speed of check-in, offers 12 language

options and gives customers the ability to self-select options they find most important in their experience.

“Customers can rely on Del-

ta to provide innovative tools throughout their travel experience that put them in control and give them the information they need, when they need it,”

said Hauenstein. “We’ll continue to provide new and interesting ways to plan, share and connect, so that traveling with Delta keeps getting better.” (PR)

5 languages at Bank of Guam ATM’s

» Chamorro, Japanese, Korean, Cantonese, Mandarin new language options



HAGATNA, Guam—Both local customers and visitors to Guam now have an added degree of familiarity with the new language options available at selected Bank of Guam automatic teller machines (ATMs).

Working with Visa Asia Pacific, Bank of Guam ATMs have installed their “foreign language enablement” system, with the Bank of Guam selecting four options to include in their ATMs, Japanese, Korean, Cantonese and

Mandarin. Working with Dr. Peter Onedera, Bank of Guam also included a Chamorro language option.

Selected ATMs were also chosen to have special “ATM wraps” modifying their ATMs to highlight the 5 languages available to the customers. These are in Guam and Saipan. In Guam, look for the ATMs at Tumon Bay Branch, GPO, Micronesia Mall, Guam Airport, Pacific Place and PIC. Soon, the Saipan Airport will also sport the new ATM wrap identifying it as an ATM with the 5 languages.

The Bank of Guam will have the 5 language enablement feature installed at 26 other ATMs throughout its network, bringing its total to 33.

For additional information, please log on to www.bankof-guam.com, or call customer service at (671) 472-5300.

For additional information, please contact Jackie Marati at 472-5258 or at jackie.marati@bankofguam.com. (PR)

Hitting the debt limit: What bills would be paid?

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the summer of 2011, when a debt crisis like the current one loomed, President Barack Obama warned Republicans that older Americans might not get their Social Security checks unless there was a deal to raise the nation’s borrowing limit.

After weeks of brinkmanship, Republicans consented and Obama agreed to a deficit-reduction plan the GOP wanted. Crisis averted, for a time.

Now that there’s a fresh showdown, the possibility of Social Security cuts -and more - is back on the table.

The government could run out of cash to pay all its bills in full as early as Feb. 15, according to one authoritative estimate, and congressional Republicans want significant spending cuts in exchange for raising the borrowing limit. Obama, forced to negotiate an increase in 2011, has pledged

not to negotiate again.

Without an agreement, every option facing his administration would be unprecedented.

It would require a degree of financial creativity that could test the law, perhaps even the Constitution.

It could shortchange Social Security recipients and other people, including veteran and the poor, who rely on government programs.

It could force the Treasury to contemplate selling government assets, a step considered but rejected in 2011. In short, the Treasury would have to create its own form of triage, creating a priority list of its most crucial obligations, from interest payments to debtors to benefits to vulnerable Americans.

“It may be that somewhere down the line someone will challenge what the administration did in that moment, but

in the moment, who’s going to stop them?” asked Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a former director of the Congressional Budget Office. “I pray we never have to find out how imaginative they are.”

In such a debt crisis, the president would have to decide what laws he wants to break. Does he breach the borrowing limit without a congressional OK? Does he ignore spending commitments required by law?

In a letter to Obama on Friday, Senate Democratic leaders urged him to consider taking any “lawful steps that ensure that America does not break its promises and trigger a global economic crisis—without congressional approval, if necessary.”

The White House has resisted that path. It has rejected recommendations that it invoke a provision in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution that states that “the validity of the public debt of the United States ... shall not be questioned.”



Obama

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Vatican surprised by bank’s credit card block

VATICAN CITY (AP)—A senior Vatican official says he is “truly surprised” that the Bank of Italy ordered credit card payments suspended in the tiny city-state and insists the Vatican has taken adequate measures to fight money laundering. The Vatican has been cash-only since Jan. 1 after Italy’s central bank compelled Deutsche Bank Italia to stop providing electronic payment services to the Holy See. That has meant visitors to the Vatican Museums—they numbered 5 million last year—and the Vatican post office have had to pay cash for tickets and any other transactions. It’s an inconvenience that, if left unchanged for long, could eventually affect the Vatican’s bottom line, given the critical role museum revenues play in the Vatican City State’s finances. For example, in 2011 museum revenues amounted to (EURO)91.3 million, helping the Vatican City State post a budget surplus of (EURO)21.8 million.

More than 130 nations begin mercury treaty talks

GENEVA (AP)—Delegates from more than 130 nations began a final round of negotiations on Sunday that are expected to lead to the creation of the first legally binding international treaty to reduce mercury emissions. The treaty would set enforceable limits on the emissions of mercury, a highly-toxic metal that is widely used in chemical production and small-scale mining, particularly artisanal gold production. Swiss diplomat Franz Perrez, whose nations helped prompt the call for the treaty, told reporters on Sunday in Geneva that “we are confident that we’ll be able to conclude here this week” with a final document that nations will adopt later this year. Fernando Lugris of Uruguay, who chairs the negotiations, said the six-day conference that has drawn almost 900 delegates and dozens of non-governmental organizations from around the world already has agreed on a draft text to be used this week for negotiations.

Nation

NRA says Congress will not pass weapons ban

WASHINGTON (AP)—The powerful gun lobby is gauging enough support in Congress to block a law that would ban assault weapons, despite promises from the White House and senior lawmakers to make such a measure a reality.

Senators plan to introduce a bill that would ban assault weapons and limit the size of ammunition magazines, like the one used in the December shooting massacre that killed 27 people, most of them children, in Newtown, Conn. Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California has promised to push for a renewal of expired legislation.

The National Rifle Association has so far prevented passage of another assault weapons ban like the one that expired in 2004. But some lawmakers say the Newtown tragedy has transformed the country, and Americans are ready for stricter gun laws. President Barack Obama has made gun control a top priority. And on Tuesday Vice President Joe Biden is expected to give Obama a comprehensive package of recommendations for curbing gun violence.

Still, the NRA has faith that Congress would prevent a new weapons ban.

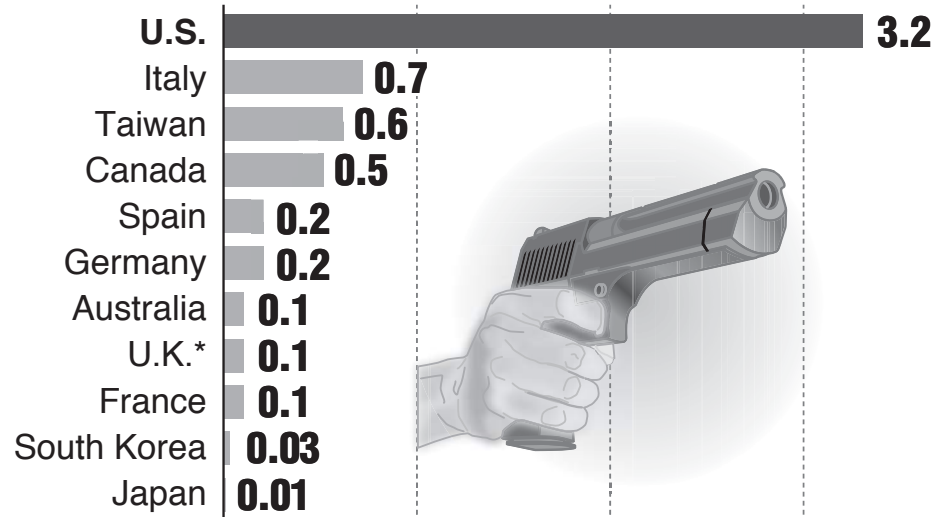
"When a president takes all the power of his office, if he's willing to expend political capital, you don't want to make predictions. You don't want to bet your house on the outcome. But I would say that the likelihood is that they are not going to be able to get an assault weapons ban through this Congress," NRA president David Keene told CNN's "State of the Union."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., responded with a flat out "no" when asked on CBS' "Face the Nation" whether Congress would pass a

Gun-related homicides

The rate of gun-related homicides in the U.S. is far higher than that of other large and affluent countries.

Homicide by firearm, rate per 100,000 population



NOTE: List includes countries with a per capita GDP of more than \$30,000 and a population of 20 million or more; all data for the most recent year available

Source: U.N., CIA World Factbook

*Does not include Northern Ireland

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ban on assault weapons.

Democratic West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, a lifelong member of the NRA has said everything should be on the table to prevent another tragedy like Newtown. But he assured gun owners he would fight for gun rights at the same time. "I would tell all of my friends in NRA, I will work extremely hard and I will guarantee you there will not be an encroachment on your Second Amendment rights," Manchin said on ABC's "This Week."

The NRA's deep pockets help bolster allies and punish lawmakers who buck them. The group spent at least \$24 million in the 2012 elections - \$16.8 million through its political action committee and nearly \$7.5 million through its affiliated Institute for

Legislative Action. Separately, the NRA spent some \$4.4 million through July 1 to lobby Congress. Keene insists the group represents its members and not just the gun manufacturers, though he said the NRA would like industry to contribute more money to the association.

"We know what works and what doesn't work. And we're not willing to compromise on people's rights when there is no evidence that doing so is going to accomplish the purpose," Keene said.

The NRA, instead, is pushing for measures that would keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, until a person gets better. "If they are cured, there ought to be a way out of it," Keene said.

Currently, a person is banned

from buying a gun from a licensed dealer if the person is a fugitive, a felon, convicted of substance abuse, convicted of domestic violence, living in the U.S. illegally or someone who "has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to any mental institution."

States, however, are inconsistent in providing information about mentally ill residents to the federal government for background checks. And, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence said some 40 percent of gun sales happen with no background checks, such as at gun shows and by private sellers over the Internet or through classified ads.

Newtown weighs fate of Conn. school where 26 died

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP)—Newtown residents are divided on what to do with the school building where 26 people were killed, with some favoring demolition and construction of a memorial and others encouraging renovations.

Many passionately gave their opinions at an emotional public meeting Sunday about the fate of Sandy Hook Elementary.

"I have two children who had everything taken from them," said Audrey Bart, whose children attend the school but weren't injured in the shooting. "The Sandy Hook Elementary School is their school. It is not the world's school. It is not Newtown's school. We cannot pretend it never happened, but I am not prepared to ask my children to run and hide. You can't take away their school."

But fellow Sandy Hook parent Stephanie Carson said she can't imagine ever sending her son back to the building.

"I know there are children who were there who want to go back," Carson said. "But the reality is, I've been to the new school where the kids are now, and we have to be so careful just walking through the halls. They are still so scared."

The meeting at Newtown High School drew about 200 people. A second meeting is set for Friday. Town officials also are planning private meetings with the victims' families to get their input.

Police say Adam Lanza, 20, killed 20 first-graders and six

adults in the Dec. 14 massacre at Sandy Hook. They say he killed his mother at the home they shared in Newtown before opening fire with a semiautomatic rifle at the school and killing himself as police arrived.

Although opinions were mixed at the Sunday meeting, most agreed that the Sandy Hook children and teachers should stay together. They've been moved to a school building about seven miles away in a neighboring town that has been renamed Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Mergim Bajraliu, a senior at Newtown High School, attended Sandy Hook, and his sister is a fourth-grader there. He said the school should stay as it is, and a memorial for the victims should be built there.

"We have our best childhood memories at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and I don't believe that one psychopath—who I refuse to name—should get away with taking away any more than he did on Dec 14," he said.

Last week, residents around town expressed similar opinions about the school's future.

"I'm very torn," said Laurie Badick, of Newtown, whose children attended the school several years ago. "Sandy Hook school meant the world to us before this happened. ... I have my memories in my brain and in my heart, so the actual building, I think the victims need to decide what to do with that."

Massive corruption case going to trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Six former officials of the scandal-ridden city of Bell go on trial this week in a massive corruption case that nearly bankrupted the Los Angeles suburb.

The former mayor and vice mayor and four former City Council members are charged with misappropriation of public funds in a 20-count felony complaint.

Prosecutors claim they looted the city's treasury in order to pay themselves exorbitant salaries. The complaint says sham commissions were created to enrich the defendants.

Two major figures in the scam are not part of this trial. Former City Manager Robert Rizzo and Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia are scheduled to be tried separately. They have been accused of making millions while hiking taxes and

fees for residents in the modest, blue-collar suburb where many live in poverty.

Jury selection begins Tuesday and the trial is scheduled to last seven weeks. Key witnesses are expected to be former city employees and officials who discovered the shady dealings and were granted immunity from prosecution for their testimony.

A judge who presided at a preliminary hearing for the officials concluded they had shirked their responsibilities and sold out their constituents for financial gain.

"These people were elected to be the voice of the people, to be a safeguard," said Superior Court Judge Henry Hall, who ordered them held for trial. "And they basically sold that off."

Defense attorneys had ar-

gued that the council members earned their salaries, working full time on the city's behalf, not only attending monthly council meetings but taking part in community projects that benefited low-income people, the aged and numerous others.

Prosecutors contend that Rizzo had an annual salary and compensation package worth \$1.5 million and masterminded a scheme to loot the city of Bell of more than \$6 million. His assistant city manager, Spaccia, was paid \$376,288 a year.

Council members drew salaries of about \$100,000 a year, which Hall said was about 20 times more than they were entitled to make.

The six defendants are expected to claim they worked hard for the city and were unaware of Rizzo's financial manipulations.

ACROSS THE NATION

Colin Powell says GOP having 'an identity problem'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Secretary of State Colin Powell says his own Republican Party is having "an identity problem." The former Joints Chief of Staff chairman who twice endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president tells NBC's "Meet the Press" that in recent years there's been "a significant shift to the right," and that's produced two losing presidential campaigns. He says the GOP needs to "take a very hard look at itself and understand that the country has changed" demographically, and that if the party doesn't change, "they're going to be in trouble." He also bemoans what he calls "a dark vein of intolerance" in some elements of the party. He describes himself as a moderate but still a Republican.

Possible HIV exposure at Buffalo VA hospital

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—More than 700 patients at the Buffalo Veterans Administration Center may have been exposed to HIV, hepatitis B or hepatitis C because of accidental reuse of insulin pens, according to a hospital statement and published reports. Authorities told The Buffalo News there is a "very small risk" for the diabetic

patients who may have been exposed to the reused insulin pens between Oct. 19, 2010 and November 2012. The VA memo obtained by the News said the problem was discovered by a routine pharmacy inspection last Nov. 1. The News first published the report on its website Friday. The VA also notified western New York members of Congress of the possible exposure.

Iowa man, sister reunite thanks to boy, Facebook

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP)—An Iowa man and his sister have reunited 65 years after being separated in foster care thanks to a 7-year-old friend's Facebook search. Clifford Boyson of Davenport met his sibling, Betty Billadeau, in person Saturday. Billadeau drove up from her home in Florissant, Mo., with her daughter and granddaughter for the reunion at a hotel in Davenport. Boyson, 66, and Billadeau, 70, both tried to find each other for years without success. They were placed in different foster homes in Chicago when they were children. Then 7-year-old Eddie Hanzelin, who is the son of Boyson's landlord, got involved. Eddie managed to find Billadeau by searching his mom's Facebook account with Billadeau's maiden name. He recognized the family resemblance when he saw her picture.

Asia

6 arrested in new rape of a bus passenger in India

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police said Sunday they have arrested six suspects in another gang rape of a bus passenger in India, four weeks after a brutal attack on a student on a moving bus in the capital outraged Indians and led to calls for tougher rape laws.

Police officer Raj Jeet Singh said a 29-year-old woman was the only passenger on a bus as she was traveling to her village in northern Punjab state on Friday night. The driver refused to stop at her village despite her repeated pleas and drove her to a desolate location, he said.

There, the driver and the conductor took her to a building where they were joined by five friends and took turns raping her throughout the night, Singh said.

The driver dropped the woman off at her village early Saturday, he said.

Singh said police arrested six suspects on Saturday and were searching for another.

Gurmej Singh, deputy superintendent of police, said all six admitted involvement in the rape. He said the victim was recovering at home.

Also on Saturday, police arrested a 32-year-old man for allegedly raping and killing a 9-year-old girl two weeks ago in Ahmednagar district in western India, the Press Trust of India news agency reported. Her decomposed body was



Indian men take part in a candlelight vigil in New Delhi, India, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013. Police said Sunday they have arrested six suspects in another gang rape of a bus passenger in India, four weeks after a brutal attack on a student on a moving bus in the capital outraged Indians and led to calls for tougher rape laws.

found Friday.

Police officer Sunita Thakare said the suspect committed the crime seven months after his release from prison after serving nine years for raping and murdering a girl in 2003, PTI reported Sunday.

The deadly rape of a 23-year-old student on a New Delhi bus in December led to the woman's death and set off an impassioned debate about what India needs to do to prevent such tragedies. Protesters and politicians have called for tougher

rape laws, police reforms and a transformation in the way the country treats women.

"It's a very deep malaise. This aspect of gender justice hasn't been dealt with in our nation-building task," Seema Mustafa, a writer on social issues who heads

the Center for Policy Analysis think tank, said Sunday.

"Police haven't dealt with the issue severely in the past. The message that goes out is that the punishment doesn't match the crime. Criminals think they can get away it," she said.

Beijing warns residents after off-the-charts smog

BEIJING (AP)—Beijing schools kept children indoors and hospitals saw a spike in respiratory cases Monday following a weekend of off-the-charts pollution in China's smoggy capital, the worst since the government began being more open about air-quality data.

City authorities, who began releasing figures about some of the worst kinds of pollutants early last year, ordered many factories to scale back emissions and were spraying water at building sites to try to tamp down dust and dirt worsening the noxious haze hanging over the city.

Demand spiked for face

masks and air purifiers, and hospitals saw surges of up to 30 percent in residents seeking help for breathing problems, state-run media outlets reported. Schools in several districts were ordered to cancel outdoor activities such as flag-raising and sports classes, and in an unusual public announcement, Beijing authorities advised all residents to "take measures to protect their health."

"It's really terrible. I'm extremely upset, but there's really nothing much I can do," said a Beijing resident out for a morning stroll. Like many Chinese, the man would give only

his surname, Kang.

Another man, a 60-year-old retiree surnamed Chen, said his elderly relatives had moved to stay with family members outside the city to avoid the pollution.

"I'm in pretty good shape, but the older folks have a lot of problems with their hearts, breathing, and high blood pressure," Chen said.

Levels of PM2.5 particle pollution over the weekend reached the highest levels since the Beijing government began publicly releasing figures following a public outcry. In separate monitoring by the

U.S. Embassy, level were at 886 micrograms per cubic meter in a reading that was labeled "beyond index."

By Monday, levels had declined to about 350 micrograms on the Beijing government scale—down from a high above 700 but still way above the level of 25 considered safe by the World Health Organization.

PM2.5 are tiny particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in size, or about 1/30th the average width of a human hair. They can penetrate deep into the lungs, and measuring them is considered a more accurate reflection of air quality

than other methods.

The Beijing Shijitan Hospital received 20 percent more patients than usual at its respiratory health department, Dr. Huang Aiben said. Most patients were coughing and sought treatment for chronic bronchitis, asthma and other respiratory illnesses, Huang said.

"Because these dust particles are relatively fine, they can be directly absorbed by the lung's tiny air sacs. The airway's ability to block the fine dust is relatively weak and so bacteria and viruses carried by the dust can directly enter the airway," Huang said.

Pakistan sacks provincial government after attack

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani leaders dismissed the government of southwest Baluchistan province early Monday in response to the demands of protesters angry about an attack on minority Shiite Muslims there that killed 86 people.

In another part of the country, a roadside bomb killed 14 Pakistani soldiers.

Over the past three days, thousands of Shiites have blocked a main road in the Baluchistan capital of Quetta with dozens of coffins of relatives killed in the twin bomb-

ing of a billiards hall in the city Thursday. They demanded the provincial government be dismissed and that the army take over responsibility for the city.

Last year was the deadliest ever for Shiites in Pakistan, with over 400 dead in targeted killings. Violence has been especially intense in Baluchistan, home of the largest number of Shiites in the country.

Pakistani Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf said in a televised address shortly early Monday that the governor has been made head of Baluchistan province,

replacing the chief minister. Also, paramilitary forces will receive police powers and launch an operation against militants behind the billiards hall attack.

The prime minister flew to Quetta on Sunday after other efforts to pacify the protesters failed. Human rights organizations have accused the Pakistani government of not doing enough to protect Shiites targeted by radical Sunni Muslims who believe they are heretics.

The billiards hall attack was carried out by Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a sectarian militant

group allied with al-Qaida and the Pakistani Taliban.

Taliban militants and their allies have also been waging a bloody insurgency against the Pakistani government over the past several years.

A roadside bomb hit a Pakistani army convoy Sunday in a mountainous militant stronghold in the northwest, killing 14 soldiers, one of the deadliest attacks against the army in that sector, intelligence officials said.

The North Waziristan tribal area is a major trouble spot that the military has been reluctant

to tackle. The remote region is home to Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaida militants at war with the government. It is also used as a sanctuary by other militants who have focused their attacks in neighboring Afghanistan.

The attack Sunday occurred near Dosalli village in North Waziristan, said Pakistani intelligence officials. The blast destroyed two vehicles and damaged a third, they said.

The 14 dead and 20 wounded were brought to a military hospital in the nearby town of Miran Shah, the officials said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines imposes gun ban to stop poll violence

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A 150-day ban on the carrying of firearms outside residences across the Philippines began Sunday to prevent violence that could erupt during May 13 congressional and local elections in a country awash with weapons and plagued by a history of deadly poll rivalries. Commission on Elections Chairman Sixto Brillantes Jr. said the ban, which ends June 12, suspends all permits to carry firearms in public areas and exempts only top officials, on-duty troops and police, and people facing threats. Violators could be jailed up to six years. Election and police officials staged a march in metropolitan Manila and inspected security checkpoints to dramatize their call for peaceful mid-term elections—an often-futile goal in a country where rivalry for power among old and new political clans has been blamed for electoral violence and fraud in past years.

Japan holds military drill aimed at island defense

TOKYO (AP)—Japan has conducted a military drill apparently aimed at bolstering defense of islands at the center of a territorial dispute with China. The Defense Ministry says it was the first time the annual drill, held Sunday near Tokyo, was aimed at island defense. Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera said Japan must improve its military tactics in light of the dispute with China. He said Chinese aircraft and sea vessels have infringed upon Japanese territory in waters and airspace around the disputed East China Sea islands, called Senkaku in Japan. China also claims the islands, calling them Diaoyu. The Japanese government's purchase of the islands in September triggered violent anti-Japan protests across China.

Tens of thousands protest Taiwan's president

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Tens of thousands of opposition demonstrators took to the streets of Taipei on Sunday to protest the policies of Taiwan's China-friendly president, in the largest anti-government action since he was re-elected to a second four-year term a year ago. Waving green-colored banners emblazoned with the two Chinese characters for "fury"—the theme of the protest—demonstrators called on President Ma Ying-jeou to fire Prime Minister Sean Chen over the lackluster economic performance of the island, which saw growth of less than 2 percent in 2012. They also demanded that government regulatory bodies stop a consortium widely seen as pro-China from purchasing a mass-circulation newspaper, and called for the convening of an all-party conference to discuss Taiwan's ailing social security and pension systems.

World

Egypt's Mubarak to get new trial over killings

CAIRO (AP)—An Egyptian appeals court on Sunday overturned Hosni Mubarak's life sentence and ordered a retrial of the ousted leader in the killing of hundreds of protesters, a ruling likely to further unsettle a nation still reeling from political turmoil and complicate the struggle of his Islamist successor to assert his authority.

The court's decision put the spotlight back on the highly divisive issue of justice for Mubarak and his top security officers, who were also ordered retried, two years after the revolution that toppled him.

The ruling poses a distraction for President Mohammed Morsi as he tries to restore law and order, grapple with a wrecked economy and deal with the aftermath of the worst political crisis since Mubarak's ouster.

A new trial is virtually certain to dominate national headlines, attracting attention away from a crucial election for a new house of deputies roughly three months from now. Morsi and his Islamist allies are determined to win a comfortable majority in the new chamber, allowing them to take the helm of the most populous Arab nation.

The ailing 84-year-old Mubarak is currently being held in a military hospital and will not walk free after Sunday's decision. He remains under investigation in an unrelated case.

A small crowd of Mubarak loyalists erupted into applause after the ruling was announced.



AP
An Egyptian kisses an image of ousted former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, woven on a carpet that was brought in by Mubarak supporters, as they celebrate an appeal granted by a court, in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013.

Holding portraits of the former president aloft, they broke into chants of "Long live justice!" Another jubilant crowd later gathered outside the Nile-side Cairo hospital where Mubarak is being held, passing out candies to pedestrians and motorists.

Still, the crowds paled in comparison to the immediate

reaction to Mubarak's conviction and sentencing in June, when thousands took to the streets, some in celebration and others in anger that he escaped the death penalty.

Sunday's muted reaction indicates the fate of Egypt's ruler of nearly three decades may have, at least for now, been reduced to

a political footnote in a country sagging under the weight of a crippling economic crisis and anxious over its future direction under the rule of Islamists.

No date has been set for the retrial, but attention is sure to dramatically pick up when it begins and Egyptians again watch fascinated by the sight of their country's one-time strongman behind bars in the defendants' cage.

If convicted, Mubarak could face a life sentence or have it reduced. He could also be acquitted. Under Egyptian law, a defendant cannot face a harsher sentence in a retrial, meaning the former leader cannot face the death penalty.

The Court of Cassation did not immediately disclose its reasoning, but legal experts said the appeal was granted over a series of procedural problems in the conduct of the original trial.

The ruling had been widely expected. When Mubarak was convicted in June, the presiding judge criticized the prosecution's case, saying it lacked concrete evidence and failed to prove the protesters were killed by the police.

Gamal Eid, a prominent rights lawyer, said the new trial could include new defendants and the judge ordering additional investigations.

Mubarak's defense lawyers had argued the ex-president did not know of the killings or realize the extent of the street protests. But a fact-finding mission recently determined he watched the uprising against him unfold through

a live TV feed at his palace.

The mission's report could hold both political opportunities and dangers for Morsi and his fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood. A new trial would be popular, since many Egyptians were angered that Mubarak was convicted of failing to stop the killings, rather than ordering the crackdown in which nearly 900 people died.

The report also implicates the military and security officials in the protesters' deaths. Any move to prosecute them could spark a backlash from the powerful police and others who still hold positions under Morsi's Islamist government.

In Sunday's ruling, the judge also ordered a retrial of Mubarak's former security chief, Habib el-Adly, convicted and sentenced to life in prison on the same charges, as well as six of el-Adly's top aides. All six were acquitted in the earlier trial.

The appeals court also granted the prosecution's request to

overturn not-guilty verdicts on Mubarak, his two sons and an associate of the former president, Hussein Salem, on corruption charges. Salem was tried in absentia and remains at large.

The prosecutors in the Mubarak trial complained that security agencies and the nation's top intelligence organization had not cooperated with their investigation, leaving them with little incriminating evidence against the defendants. During the trial, prosecutors focused their argument on the political responsibility of Mubarak and el-Adly.

Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president, has his plate full with a rapidly worsening economy, stinging media criticism and the fallout from the worst political crisis since Mubarak's ouster, first over decrees that gave him almost unrestricted powers and then by a constitution hurriedly adopted by his Islamist allies and ratified in a nationwide referendum last month.

Venezuela: Chavez is responding to treatment

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Thousands of supporters of Venezuela's cancer-stricken president held rallies across the nation Sunday, hours before the government announced that Hugo Chavez is responding favorably to treatment for a respiratory infection.

The rallies came amid complaints by the opposition that it was unconstitutional for the government to indefinitely postpone the socialist leader's inauguration, which had been set for Thursday. The opposition also has been demanding the government provide more information about Chavez's medical condition.

Venezuelan authorities have said Chavez is suffering from a severe respiratory infection that he contracted after undergoing a fourth round of surgery on Dec. 11 in Cuba for a cancer in the pelvic area first diagnosed on June 8, 2011.

Information Minister Ernesto Villegas said Sunday night that Chavez is conscious and responding to treatment for the respiratory infection at a Cuban hospital, although he gave no specifics of Chavez's treatment or condition.

"The respiratory infection is

under control," but Chavez "still requires specific measures for a solution to respiratory insufficiency," he said, reading a statement on state television.

"The president is conscious, communicating with his family, his political team and the medical team treating him," Villegas said.

Chavez, who was re-elected Oct. 7, hasn't spoken publicly or been seen since the operation, leading to anxiety among Venezuelans about the country. If he is unable to take office, Venezuela's constitution says new elections must be called within 30 days.

On Saturday, Villegas said that Vice President Nicolas Maduro, who has been designed by Chavez as his successor, had met with Venezuela's leader since flying to Cuba on Friday.

"Maduro reports that he gave the president a report about the demonstrations of the people's support," Villegas said in a message posted on the Twitter social networking site.

In Caracas on Sunday, Elias Jaua, a close Chavez confidant and former vice president, urged a crowd of government supporters to "be active in defense of the constitution, in defense of Commander Hugo Chavez's popular mandate."

French jets bomb major Malian city in north

BAMAKO, Mali (AP)—French fighter jets bombed rebel targets in a major city in Mali's north Sunday, pounding the airport as well as training camps, warehouses and buildings used by the al-Qaida-linked Islamists controlling the area, officials and residents said.

The three-day-old French-led effort to take back Mali's north from the extremists began with airstrikes by combat helicopters in the small town of Konna. It has grown to a coordinated attack by state-of-the-art fighter jets which have bombarded at least five towns, of which Gao, which was attacked Sunday afternoon, is the largest.

More than 400 French troops have been deployed to the country in the all-out effort to win back the territory from the

well-armed rebels, who seized control of an area larger than France nine months ago. What began as a French offensive has now grown to include seven other countries, including logistical support from the U.S. and Europe. The United States is providing communications and transport help, while Britain is sending C17 aircrafts to help Mali's allies transport troops to the frontlines.

French President Francois Hollande authorized the intervention after it became clear the swiftly advancing rebels could break Mali's military defenses in Mopti, the first town on the government-controlled side, located in the center of this African country. The move catapulted the world into a fight that diplomats had earlier said

would not take place until at least September.

"French fighter jets have identified and destroyed this Sunday, Jan. 13, numerous targets in northern Mali near Gao, in particular training camps, infrastructure and logistical depots which served as bases for terrorist groups," the French defense ministry said in a statement.

French officials have acknowledged that the rebels are better armed than they expected, and one of the first fatalities was a 41-year-old French pilot, whose helicopter was downed by rebel fire near the town of Konna.

The Islamists, including three separate rebel groups, all of which have either direct or indirect ties to al-Qaida, are armed

with weapons stolen from the abandoned arsenal of ex-Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. They are also in possession of the weapons left behind by Mali's army, which abandoned the north in the face of the rebel advance last April. The fighters managed to seize the territory in the north after a military coup led to political turmoil in the once-stable nation of 15.8 million last March.

A French presidential aide who was not authorized to be publicly named said that the insurgents are "well-equipped, well-armed and well-trained," and are using high-end equipment. "They obtained from Libya modern, sophisticated equipment, much stronger and more efficient than we had imagined," he said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel's Lieberman hints he may quit if convicted

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's hard-line former foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, is indicating he would quit politics if convicted in his breach of trust

and fraud case. Such a decision could shake up the Israeli political system, because Lieberman is the driving force behind his kingmaker party, Yisrael Beiteinu. Lieberman told Army Radio on Monday that he agrees

with a political ally's recent assertion that if convicted, the former Cabinet minister should not stay in politics. Lieberman says that "there have to be very clear norms," but quickly adds: "I am sure I will be cleared in the end."

Grenada PM calls general elections for next month

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP)—The Caribbean island of Grenada will hold parliamentary elections Feb. 19.

Prime Minister Tillman Thomas announced the date at a political rally Sunday night a week after the country's parliament was dissolved. A few hundred partisans attended the gathering. Thomas' National

Democratic Congress will be pitted against the opposition New National Party led by former Prime Minister Keith Mitchell. There are roughly 55,000 registered voters on the island of about 110,000 people.

Focus

AJACCIO, Corsica (AP)—The bombs exploded across hundreds of miles of Corsican coastline, gutting two dozen villas nearly simultaneously on some of Europe's most beautiful—and valuable—land. Elsewhere on the same French island off the Mediterranean coast, a young man was shot to death in his car, his stepson wounded beside him.

The night of violence in early December epitomized the problems of Napoleon's native island today: Organized crime is gaining ground, spreading beyond the usual vices on the mainland to real estate, tourism and politics back home. And separatists, who extinguished themselves in a spasm of deadly infighting in the late 1990s, have come back with a vengeance, as they wage a desperate battle to prevent mob-dominated mass tourism from dooming their dreams of self-rule.

Corsican coastal land prices have risen as much as five times in as many years, and the number of tourists also has shot up as a once-exclusive haven for the wealthy and their yachts and private vacation homes became a destination for cruise ships and budget flights. Corsican mobsters—infamous in mainland France and the United States for their ties to gambling, nightclubs and drugs—saw a killing to be made back home.

Gang warfare over Corsican spoils and the separatist bombing campaign have created a climate of lawlessness, although the combatants have been careful not to turn the violence on the tourists themselves.

"The state has completely failed," said Dominique Bianchi, a former nationalist leader who recently stepped down as mayor of the southern village of Villanova. "In this world, there's only one thing that counts: how to divide the loot."

Shaken by the bombings, and the recent assassinations of a defense lawyer and community leader, the Paris government is making new promises to clean things up on an island where separatist sentiment has simmered ever since France officially took charge in 1769. Corsica has emerged as a jewel of French mass tourism only recently: More than 4.2 million tourists visited the island last year, compared to 2.4 million in 1992. The 2013 Tour de France, the world's premier cycling competition, will begin here—adding to the sense that Corsica has joined the big leagues as a top travel destination.

Complicating the challenge for France is what mainland officials describe as a code of silence—known as "omerta"—that also runs through areas of mafia-plagued southern Italy. Locals say it's fear, not omerta, that keeps people silent.

Of the 85 gangland killings



This Oct. 18, 2010, photo shows police officers working after Corsican nationalist Antoine Nivaggioni was assassinated in Ajaccio, Corsica, France. Of the 85 gangland killings and attempted assassinations in Corsica in the past eight years, only one case—a plot against a former nationalist turned president of the local soccer club—has ended in conviction.

Beaches, bombs and gangsters—Corsica's dilemma

By LORI HINNANT
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Both the mob violence and the bombings claimed by militant nationalists have the same root, Corsicans say: the land.

Three-quarters of the coastline is untouched, the beaches and Mediterranean views achingly empty of a human presence just a 90-minute flight from Paris—as developers were scared off by gangland warfare and separatist militancy. "Where else could you go and have this kind of virgin land? It doesn't exist anymore," said Dominique Yvon, who is part of an anti-corruption group on Corsica.

Through the 1990s, the island was rocked by more than 1,000 separatist bombings of vacation homes and construction sites. For mainstream investors, France's Cote d'Azur, much more stable despite its own mob presence, was the place to be.

Then the separatists imploded in the late 1990s. And organized

crime came home, seeing an opening to make new profits laundering drug money, much of it during three decades of heroin sales in the United States—spearheading the so-called "French Connection" drug ring—and on the Cote d'Azur, according to Thierry Colombie, who has written a book about the Corsican mob.

Most of the tourists who stayed overnight on the island in 2012 stayed in villas, many of them suspected of links to mob money, that popped up on the coastline when the bombing wave of the 1980s and 1990s finally ended. The number of cruise ship day visitors has also risen from 298,000 in 2001 to 1.1 million in 2011; they spend money in stores, restaurants and clubs before returning to their ships.

Each summer, the population of Corsica doubles from its 300,000 residents. Visitors pay a premium for ocean views and spend money in restaurants and nightclubs. They fly in by plane or sail into harbors like Ajaccio, outfitted for yachts and cruise

ships. They come despite a murder rate about eight times higher than the rest of France, largely thanks to the fact that no tourists have been killed in Corsican gangland or separatist violence.

For most of the 20th century, the French government's driving focus was on ending nationalist sentiment, even as Corsica's problem with feeding the global criminal underworld grew. The "French Connection" brought hundreds of millions of dollars worth of heroin into the United States. And Corsican mobsters dominated the gambling and prostitution houses of Paris.

When the latest wave of gangland killings started, in 2006, the French government looked the other way, hoping the criminals would implode the way the nationalists had.

Then, at the end of 2012, when score-settling reached beyond established criminals to Corsica's mainstream political class, the government began to pay serious attention. First, a prominent defense lawyer was killed as he made his usual stop at a gas station on his way to

work in Ajaccio. Next, a former nationalist with a uniquely powerful post as head of the chamber of commerce was shot as he closed up shop.

As president of the chamber of commerce, Jacques Nacer was in charge of the air- and sea-ports that are the island's link to the outside world, and the government money that keeps both up and running. Authorities have not said why they think he was gunned down, beyond noting that it was a professional killing.

More than 15 years ago, the chamber's president used the airport as a helicopter base for drug running between Africa and Europe. His successor was convicted in a fraud scheme involving government contracts.

The slain defense lawyer, Antoine Sollacaro, was best known for representing the nationalist who killed the island's highest ranking official, prefect Claude Erignac, in 1998. Police have offered no theories on his death, beyond noting that it had the same professional hallmarks as all of Corsica's gangland murders.

These killings finally caught the attention of France's top security and justice officials, who stood before the cameras to vow that this time, things would be different. "In Corsica, those who give the orders are known. Everyone knows and no one speaks," said French Interior Minister Manuel Valls.

Of course they don't speak, counters Raphael Vallet, a police investigator in Corsica. Most people can offer only rumors, and those who might know more can't look to the state's shield in France—which, unlike Italy and the United States, has no robust witness protection program for mobster turncoats.

"If you're dealing with someone who is capable of killing you at any moment and we say 'we can't protect you,' would you talk?" said Vallet. "Corsicans are no less brave than anyone else."

The Corsican city of Ajaccio was the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, who left the island as a youth after deciding that greatness couldn't be attained there. Many others have made similar bets about their future on an island with few resources beyond its natural beauty. Among them, a preferred path has been criminal empire.

French government policy was—and remains—that Corsica is an integral part of the nation. Islanders, meanwhile, call the rest of France "the continent" and proudly speak their own Italian-inflected language that the Paris government once tried unsuccessfully to wipe out.

The bombings of Dec. 7 struck at 31 villas, all of them with absentee homeowners away on "the continent."

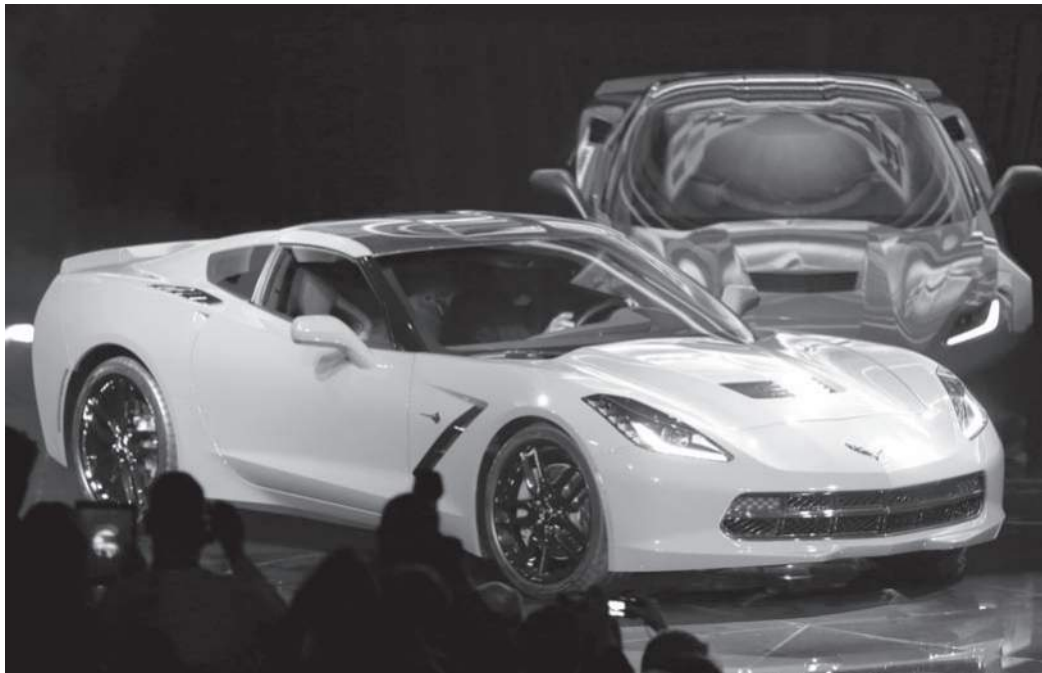
The nationalist FLNC, which announced its resurrection in a theatrical news conference in July complete with masks and guns, claimed responsibility on Dec. 19 and denied any collusion with organized crime, saying gangsters had "prospered in the shadow of the French state for decades."

The explosions appeared to have no links to the hit on the young man, whose death is believed to be the latest professional killing to go unsolved.

Bianchi, the former mayor, was once jailed for his links to the group and has since publicly renounced violence. But he, like many Corsicans, couldn't bring himself to condemn the bombings in a place they consider their homeland.

"Even if I don't approve, I understand. I understand because in the current climate of Corsica, where there is enormous land speculation, there is a revolt," he said. "We don't want their country ... to become a place just for rich retirees in the next 10 or 15 years. We don't want it to become another Cote d'Azur."

Overdrive



A new Corvette bursts onto the road after 9 years

By TOM KRISHER
AP AUTO WRITER

DETROIT (AP)—When General Motors engineers and designers started work on the next-

The 2014 Chevrolet Corvette debuts in Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013. The C7 Corvette debuted before the start of the media previews at the North American International Auto Show.

generation Corvette, they drew up the usual requirements for the star of American muscle cars.

Killer looks. Big engine. Handles like a race car.

But topping the list back was something at odds with the roar of the car's big V-8: Gas mileage.

The new Corvette could not be a gas guzzler. Stricter government rules were forcing a leap in fuel economy. If the car burned too much gas, it would trigger fines from regulators and never get built.

"There won't be a Corvette if we don't care about fuel economy," said Tadge Juechter, the car's chief engineer.

But the 2014 Corvette is here, the first all-new version in nine years. The king of American sports cars, driven by astronauts and celebrated in a Prince song, rolled out Sunday night in Detroit. It will arrive in showrooms this fall.

To many fans, the new Corvette symbolizes the rebirth of America's auto industry after its near death in 2009, showing the world that it again can lead in technology, styling and performance—at a lower cost than European competitors.

Getting there was tough for the 1,000-member Corvette team, which gave the car the code name "C7." GM's bankruptcy slowed development twice. With each delay, new safety and gas mileage regulations forced changes. The Corvette team overhauled the car: aluminum replaced steel, super-light rivets held parts together, and the V-8 engine kicked down to four cylinders at highway speeds, saving fuel.

All the changes helped it overcome nine years of government crash safety requirements that could have bloated the car. But even with the lighter materials, the regulations have pushed its weight to a little more than the current base model's 3,200 pounds. Still, it's an engineering achievement. The Corvette is so new that it only shares two parts with the current model.

GM said testing is still being done on the car's fuel economy, but it'll be better than the current base model's 16 mpg in the city and 26 on the highway. Juechter said the window sticker highway mileage won't reach 30 mpg, but he wouldn't be surprised to see some drivers get that or more.

Need for rustproofing has fallen off

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I'm 70 years old and keep my cars for years. I just purchased a 2013 Toyota in October. I have heard a lot of pros and cons on getting the vehicle undercoated and rustproofed. I need a professional, unbiased opinion; what's your view?

ANSWER: Here's my semi-professional, completely biased opinion. My opinion on rustproofing—like my opinion on extended warranty and service contracts—has evolved over the three decades I've been writing about cars.

First, let's distinguish between rustproofing and undercoating; they are two different concepts. Undercoating is a relatively thick rubberized material applied to the exposed underbody and chassis to primarily act as a sound deadener. This coating obviously has some anti-corrosion properties but does not protect vulnerable areas such as boxed sections and the bottom of the doors.

Rustproofing is a lighter spray-on material that is applied to seal and prevent moisture from reaching vulnerable areas such as inner fender lips, door bottoms, inside door skins, boxed frame sections, inside

rocker panels, door jambs, lower insides of the front and rear fenders, the cowl, the underside of the hood and trunk lips. The spray can reach untouchable areas and the material remains pliable, allowing it to flex, stretch and self-heal small scratches. Rustproofing can be very effective when applied properly and maintained on a regular basis.

That said, the build quality, alloys and galvanized steel used in modern automobiles has reduced the need for additional rustproofing. In fact, several carmakers like Volkswagen and BMW rustproof their vehicles when built.

When would rustproofing make sense? I used to rustproof used vehicles to prolong their service life, and I would consider having a new vehicle rustproofed if it had to survive more than a decade in a rust-prone environment where salt is used to de-ice roads.

But the absolute best rustproofing is frequent car washing that includes a thorough flushing of the underside of the chassis, wheel wells and the inside edges of doors, hood and trunk. As a metallurgical engineer once told me, "Rust never sleeps. Ferrous metals simply prefer to exist in an oxidized state. You can't stop rust; you can only slow it down."

In Celebration of Her New Life †Winefreda Maratita Sablan

Lovingly known as "Nining"

August 07, 1955 – January 09, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Parents: †Gregorio Matantaotao and †Ana Quichocho Maratita
Parents-in-Laws: †Bonifacio Reyes and †Maria Masga Sablan
Maternal Grandparents: †Vicente Siquenza and †Margarita Manglona Quichocho
Paternal Grandparents: †Juan Mundo and †Presentasion Matantaotao Maratita

Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws and Nieces:

†Margarita M. Norita, †Presentasion M. Igitol, †Maria Q. Atalig, †Rufina Q. Pangelinan, †David Q. Maratita, †Bonaventura Q. Maratita, †Vicente Q. Maratita, †Eusebio Q. Maratita, †William Q. Maratita and †Martino Q. Quitugua.

†Joaquin I. Norita, †Jose A. Atalig, †Herman T. Villagomez, †Vicente Maratita, †Martin Maratita, †Francisco Maratita, †Manuel M. Sablan, †Maria T. Maratita, †Felisa S. Pangelinan, †Vicky Ann M. Igitol and †Mae Elaine M. Igitol.

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Luis Masga Sablan

Children: Elden M. and Nanae E. Sablan (Agida, Liana, Fuuna Starr, Luhanna & Libra Tai)
Shanna M. Sablan & Lorenzo M Lifofoi (Keano)

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

Lucia Blanco-Maratita, Victorino N. & Alice S. Igitol, Oscar P. & Visitacion DLC. Quitugua, Agnes M. Villagomez, Victoria S. Maratita, Nora O. Quitugua, Eusebio T. & Incarnasion Q. Manglona, Francisco Pangelinan, Fred Q. Maratita and Antonio Q. Maratita.

Darlene P. Sablan, Ramon M. & Annie Sablan, Jose M. Sablan, Antonia S. Benavente, Julita M. Sablan, Rosita S. & Ricardo S. Atalig, Emilia M. Sablan & Francisco M. Barcinas and Ramona S. & Isaac M. Calvo.

She is also survived by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Godchildren.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated daily at the following Churches: San Vicente Church (6:00 pm), San Antonio Church (6:00 pm), Kristo Rai Church (6:00 am), San Jose Church on Tinian (6:00 pm), San Francisco de Borja Church on Rota (6:00 am) and San Isidro Church on Rota (7:00 pm)

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 9:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am followed by entombment at the Santuario PAX Memorial Gardens in Kagman where she will be at a peaceful rest.

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*Luis Masga Sablan, Children & Families
Quichocho – Maratita Family
Masga – Sablan Family*



Life & Style

'Argo,' 'Les Miserables' win best-picture Golden Globes

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—The Iran hostage thriller "Argo" was a surprise best-drama winner at Sunday's Golden Globes, beating out the Civil War epic "Lincoln," which had emerged as an awards-season favorite.

"Argo" also claimed the directing prize for Ben Affleck, a prize that normally bodes well for an Academy Award win—except he missed out on an Oscar nomination this time.

Affleck's now in an unusual position during Hollywood's long awards season, taking home the top filmmaking trophy at the second-highest film honors knowing he does not have a shot at an Oscar.

And the night left "Argo" taking home the top prize at the Globes but standing as a long-shot for best picture at the Feb. 24 Oscars, where films almost never win if their directors are not nominated.

In a breathless, rapid-fire speech, Affleck gushed over the names of other nominees presenter Halle Berry had read off: Steven Spielberg for "Lincoln," Ang Lee for "Life of Pi," Kathryn Bigelow for "Zero Dark Thirty" and Quentin Tarantino for "Django Unchained."

"Look, I don't care what the award is. When they put your name next to the names she just read off, it's an extraordinary thing in your life," Affleck said.

"Les Miserables" was named

best musical or comedy, while Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway claimed acting prizes.

Besides the three wins for "Les Miserables" and two for "Argo," the show was a mixed bag, with awards spreads around a number of films. "Lincoln" came in leading with seven nominations but lost all but one, for Daniel Day-Lewis as best actor in the title role of "Lincoln."

"If I had this on a timeshare basis with my wonderful gifted colleagues, I might just hope to keep it for one day of the year, and I'd be happy with that," said Day-Lewis, who previously won a Globe for "There Will Be Blood" and is a two-time Oscar winner with a strong shot at a third.

"Zero Dark Thirty" star Jessica Chastain won the Globe for dramatic actress as a CIA agent obsessively pursuing Bin Laden.

Other acting prizes went to Jennifer Lawrence as best musical or comedy actress for the oddball romance "Silver Linings Playbook" and Austrian Christoph Waltz as supporting actor for the slave-revenge tale "Django Unchained."

"Les Miserables," the musical based on Victor Hugo's classic novel earned Jackman the Globe for musical or comedy actor as tragic hero Jean Valjean. Hathaway won supporting actress as a single mom forced into prostitution.

"Thank you for this lovely blunt object that I will forever-



more use as a weapon against self-doubt," Hathaway said.

Jackman was a bit hoarse from the flu, but his Globe win seemed to be the right antidote.

"I was kicking myself for not getting the flu shot, but it appears that you don't need one. I feel great," Jackman said.

But when it comes to Hollywood's highest honors, "Les Miserables" already has a big obstacle, also failing to earn

a best-director slot for filmmaker Tom Hooper at the Feb. 24 Oscars.

Last Thursday's Oscar nominations held some shockers, including the omission of Affleck from the directing lineup, along with fellow Globe nominee Bigelow. Bigelow and Affleck also were nominated for top honors by the Directors Guild of America, whose contenders

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Actor and director Ben Affleck, left, producer Grant Heslov, center, and producer George Clooney pose with the award for best motion picture - drama for "Argo" backstage at the 70th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday Jan. 13, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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In Celebration of Her New Life

†Rita Aquiningoc Manglona

April 19, 1939 – January 11, 2013

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

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Husband: Vicente Muna Manglona
Parents: †Ignacio A. and †Manuela S.N. Aquiningoc
Parents-in-Law: †Lucas Ayuyu & †Concepcion Muna Manglona
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She will be greatly missed by:

Daniel E. Taitano, Noberto Ebuenga, Nancy Ebuenga, Alice Mangorning, Ramat Lila, Vicente (Boyat) Lorenzo & Digna Cando.

She will also be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Rosary is being prayed nightly at San Jose Church on Tinian at 7:30 pm. Her remains will be arriving from Guam on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 8:00 am and will be escorted to Tinian Health Center Morgue.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, January 18, 2013. Her remains will be taken to the Manglona Residence Chapel at 7:00 am. Responso Services will be at 7:30 am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:00 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment Services at Tinian Cemetery.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Children & Families of the Late †Vicente M. & †Rita A. Manglona

WINNERS' LIST

Winners of the 70th annual Golden Globe Awards, announced Sunday in Beverly Hills, California:

MOTION PICTURES

■ Picture, Drama: "Argo."
 ■ Picture, Musical or Comedy: "Les Miserables."
 ■ Actor, Drama: Daniel Day-Lewis, "Lincoln."
 ■ Actress, Drama: Jessica Chastain, "Zero Dark Thirty."
 ■ Director: Ben Affleck, "Argo."
 ■ Actor, Musical or Comedy: Hugh Jackman, "Les Miserables."
 ■ Actress, Musical or Comedy: Jennifer Lawrence, "Silver Linings Playbook."
 ■ Supporting Actor: Christoph Waltz, "Django Unchained."
 ■ Supporting Actress: Anne Hathaway, "Les Miserables."
 ■ Foreign Language: "Amour."
 ■ Animated Film: "Brave."
 ■ Screenplay: Quentin Tarantino, "Django Unchained."
 ■ Original Score: Mychael Danna, "Life of Pi."
 ■ Original Song: "Skyfall" (music and lyrics by Adele and

Paul Epworth), "Skyfall."

TELEVISION

■ Series, Drama: "Homeland."
 ■ Series, Musical or Comedy: "Girls."
 ■ Actress, Drama: Claire Danes, "Homeland."
 ■ Actor, Drama: Damian Lewis, "Homeland."
 ■ Actress, Musical or Comedy: Lena Dunham, "Girls."
 ■ Actor, Musical or Comedy: Don Cheadle, "House of Lies."
 ■ Miniseries or Movie: "Game Change."
 ■ Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Julianne Moore, "Game Change."
 ■ Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Kevin Costner, "Hatfields & McCoy's."
 ■ Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie: Maggie Smith, "Downton Abbey."
 ■ Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or Movie: Ed Harris, "Game Change."

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Cast: Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Josh Brolin
Genre: Crime • Rated R

Synopsis

Sean Penn, Josh Brolin, and Ryan Gosling star in this Warner Bros. adaptation of the L.A. Times article on a squad of cops in 1940's Los Angeles whose job it was to stop East Coast mafiosos from setting up shop in their city. Zombieland's Ruben Fleischer directs.



Les Misérables

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Cast: Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway
Genre: Musical • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

The King's Speech's Tom Hooper directs this adaptation of Cameron Mackintosh's successful musical version of Victor Hugo's classic novel. The drama surrounds a the obsessive quest of Inspector Javert (Russell Crowe) as he spends years in an effort to capture escaped convict Jean Valjean. Hugh Jackman stars in the Universal Pictures production.



Texas Chainsaw 3D

Friday		7:30	9:45
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Sunday	1:30	7:30	
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Cast: Alexandra Daddario, Scott Eastwood
Genre: Horror • Rated R



Texas Chainsaw 2D

Friday		4:00
Saturday		4:00
Sunday		4:00
Mon through Thurs		4:00

Cast: Alexandra Daddario, Scott Eastwood
Genre: Horror • Rated R



Django Unchained

Friday		4:30	8:00
Saturday	1:05	4:30	8:00
Sunday	1:05	4:30	8:00
Mon through Thurs		4:30	8:00

Cast: Jamie Foxx, Leonardo DiCaprio, Christopher Waltz
Genre: Western • Rated R



Jack Reacher

Friday		4:10	7:10	10:00
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Cast: Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike, Robert Duvall
Genre: Thriller • Rated PG 13



Monsters Inc. 3D

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Cast: John Goodman, Billy Crystal, Mary Gibbs
Genre: Animation, Family • Rated G



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D

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Saturday	12:55	7:55
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Mon through Thurs		7:55

Cast: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG 13



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 2D

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Cast: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage
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Chilly Golden Globes carpet gets haute in red

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP FASHION WRITER

Jennifer Lawrence and Marion Cotillard were Dior Haute Couture twins on Sunday night's Golden Globe red carpet.

Lawrence wore a strapless coral organza gown and metallic belt, and Cotillard was in an orange velvet bustier dress with a silver belt.

With all the pressure to strike the right style note at this kick-off to the Hollywood award season, Lawrence broke the ice: "I don't really know what 'haute' means," she told E!

Hal Rubenstein, editor-at-large of InStyle, said designer Raf Simons did enough to differentiate them. Cotillard's had an asymmetrical hemline and was more ethereal, while Lawrence's was a more structured ball gown.

There were many stars in fiery hues as they chatted through chattering teeth at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Temperatures were in the 50s, hardly the norm in Beverly Hills, California.

Zoey Deschanel wore a strapless red Oscar de la Renta, and Claire Danes showed off a post-baby body in a red, V-neck halter by Versace.

"That red on a blonde: You don't get better than that," said Joanna Douglas, senior fashion and beauty editor at Yahoo! Shine.

Danes said she had some challenges getting dressed for an awards show a month after giving birth to her son. "I am very strapped into this dress. It's Ver-



Actress Zoey Deschanel arrives at the 70th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday Jan. 13, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

sace and they are masters of illusions," she said after her win.

Also in Versace but without the love from Douglas was Halle Berry, who wore a one-shoulder printed gown with a fuchsia-and-blush print. The floral ballgown by Carolina Herrera worn by Lucy Liu was a more interesting choice, but, she said, it will probably be up for watercooler debate.

Jennifer Garner had on a burgundy-sequin strapless gown by Vivienne Westwood, and Taylor Swift had on a square-neck, deep-plum gown by Donna Karan. Naomi Watts wore a long-sleeve,

open-back gown by Zac Posen, who called the color "Bordeaux."

Long sleeves seemed to be a trend of the night—perhaps a nod to the unlikely weather. Nicole Richie had on a blue, beaded Naeem Khan gown.

But Rubenstein said this red carpet wasn't about trends. He was impressed with the diversity.

"You had Sienna Miller's girly Erdem, Julianna Margulies' sheer Pucci, and Jessica Chastain in that stunning seafoam green Calvin Klein—there wasn't one trend there," he said. "They all stand out on their own."

Chastain's halter gown was custom-made for her by designer Francisco Costa, and Julianne Moore said she sent an email request to friend Tom Ford to make her gown. She wore a black gown with an open cowl back and contrasting white around the waistline.

Show co-host Tina Fey showed up in a L'Wren Scott-designed cream gown with black-lace embroidery, and her on-camera partner Amy Poehler wore a black tuxedo suit—with a neckline that showed off an 83-carat diamond lariat necklace by Chopard.

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usually match up closely with the Oscar field.

Former President Bill Clinton upstaged Hollywood's elite with a surprise appearance to introduce Spielberg's Civil War epic "Lincoln," which was up for best drama. The film chronicles Abraham Lincoln's final months as he tries to end the war and find common ground in a divided Congress to pass the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery.

Lincoln's effort was "forged in a cauldron of both principle and compromise," Clinton said. "This brilliant film shows us how he did it and gives us hope that we can do it again."

Amy Poehler, co-host of the Globes with Tina Fey, gushed afterward, "Wow, what an exciting special guest! That was Hillary Clinton's husband!"

Lawrence won as best actress in a musical or comedy for her role as a troubled widow in a shaky new relationship. The Globe winners in musical or comedy categories often aren't factors at the Oscars, which tend to favor heavier dramatic roles.

But "Silver Linings Playbook" is a crowd-pleasing comic drama with deeper themes than the usual comedy.

And Lawrence—a 2010 Oscar nominee for her breakout film "Winter's Bone" who shot to superstardom with "The Hunger Games"—delivers a nice mix of humor and melancholy.

"What does this say? I beat Meryl," Lawrence joked as she looked at her award, referring to fellow nominee and multiple Globe winner Meryl Streep. Lawrence went on to thank her mother for believing in her and her father for making her maintain a sense of humor.

Waltz won supporting actor for his role as a genteel bounty hunter who takes on an ex-slave as apprentice.

The win was Waltz's second supporting-actor prize at the Globes, both of them coming in Tarantino films. Waltz's violent but paternal and polite "Django" character is a sharp contrast to the wickedly bloodthirsty Nazi he played in his Globe and Oscar-winning role in Tarantino's 2009 tale "Inglourious Basterds."

"Let me gasp," said Waltz, whose competition included "Django" co-star Leonardo DiCaprio. "Quentin, you know that my indebtedness to you and my gratitude knows no words."

Tarantino won the screenplay prize for "Django Unchained." He thanked his cast and also the group of friends to whom he reads work-in-progress for

reaction.

"You guys don't know how important you are to my process. I don't want input. I don't want you to tell me if I'm doing anything wrong. Heavens forbid," Tarantino said. "When I read it to you, I hear it through your ears, and it lets me know I'm on the right track."

The Scottish tale "Brave" won for best animated film. It was the sixth win for Disney's Pixar Animation unit in the seven years since the Globes added the category.

Austrian director Michael Haneke's old-age love story "Amour," a surprise best-picture nominee for the Oscars, won the Globe for foreign-language film. The top prize winner at last May's Cannes Film Festival, "Amour" is a grim yet moving portrait of an elderly woman tended by her husband as she is incapacitated by age.

Pop star Adele and co-writer Paul Epworth won for best song for their theme tune to the James Bond adventure "Skyfall."

"Oh, my God!" Adele gushed repeatedly, before offering gratitude to the group that presents the Globes. "I'd like to thank the Hollywood Foreign Press. I never thought I'd say that."

The prize for musical score went to Mychael Danna for the lost-at-sea tale "Life of Pi."

Show hosts Fey and Poehler,

who co-starred in the 2008 big-screen comedy "Baby Mama," had a friendly rivalry at the Globes. Both were nominated for best actress in a TV comedy series, Fey for "30 Rock" and Poehler for "Parks and Recreation."

"Tina, I just want to say that I very much hope that I win," Poehler told Fey at the start of the show.

"Thank you. You're my nemesis. Thank you," Fey replied.

Neither won. Lena Dunham claimed the comedy series Globe for "Girls."

After that, Fey and Poehler showed up on stage with cocktail glasses, Fey joking that it was time to start drinking.

"Everyone's getting a little loose now that we're all losers," Poehler said.

Among other TV winners, Julianne Moore won a best-actress Globe for her role as Sarah Palin in "Game Change," which also was picked as best TV miniseries or movie and earned Ed Harris a supporting-actor prize. Best actor in a miniseries or movie went to Kevin Costner for "Hatfields & McCoys." "Homeland" was named best TV drama series, and its stars Claire Danes and Damian Lewis received the dramatic acting awards. Maggie Smith won as supporting actress for "Downton Abbey."

Foster reveals she's gay, suggests she's retiring

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Jodie Foster came out without really coming out, and suggested she was retiring from acting without exactly saying so, in a long, breathless and rambling speech at Sunday night's Golden Globe Awards.

Foster was on stage as this year's winner of the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award, which had been announced previously. But her acceptance speech was anything but predictable as the veteran actress seized control of what is every year a noisy, boozy ballroom; the crowd of A-listers quickly quieted down as it became apparent that she had something serious and important to say.

The 50-year-old Oscar-winner, who's been protective of her private life and reluctant to discuss her sexual orientation, was coy at first, suggesting she had a big announcement that would make her publicist nervous. Then she stated: "I'm just going to put it out there, loud and proud ... I am, uh, single," pausing for dramatic effect before that last word. "I hope you're not disappointed that there won't be a big coming-out speech tonight. I already did my coming-out about a thousand years ago."

Foster joked that celebrities are



Jodie Foster poses with the Cecile B. DeMille Award for outstanding contribution to the entertainment field backstage at the 70th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday Jan. 13, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

now expected to reveal they're gay "with a press conference, a fragrance and a prime-time reality show.... You just might be surprised but I am not Honey Boo Boo Child. Please don't cry, because my reality show is so boring."

She added defiantly: "If you had been a public figure since you were a toddler, maybe you'd value privacy above all else, too."

Foster thanked Cydney Bernard, whom she identified as her former partner of 20 years and with whom she has two sons.

She also made it sound as if she planned to retire from acting once and for all, something she'd toyed with previously. But backstage afterward, she clarified for reporters: "No. Not really. I think it stands for itself and it's an expression of who I am and what I'm thinking and feeling."

Her revelation, vague as it was, nonetheless set Twitter on fire with reactions. Some called her words moving and brave while others suggested that she should have done more to be a role model for lesbians.

Ricky Martin, who came out himself in 2010, tweeted: "Jody Foster On your terms. Its your time! Not before nor after. Its when it feels right."

Angry husband leaves home to find a friendly welcome

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Recently my husband, "Byron," and I had an argument, and he took off in his truck. He didn't return until after work the following day. He had he spent the night at our friend "Arlene's" house. She is divorced and lives alone.

Byron assures me "nothing happened" between them. I want to believe him, but ever since this incident, Arlene will not look me in the eye or speak to me.

I love Byron and trusted him until now. It hurts to think that our marriage may be ruined over a stupid argument. I know he was intoxicated, but why did he choose to go to HER home?

BROKEN-HEARTED IN WYOMING

DEAR BROKEN-HEARTED: He chose to go to her home (even drunk as a skunk) because he knew he would be welcomed. It's also the reason Arlene can't look you in the eye. Marriage counseling for you and Byron may help you put this to rest. If he refuses to go with you, go without him.

P.S. It appears Arlene has an agenda of her own—and Byron may be one of the items on it. You'd be wise to delete her from your list of friends.

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DEAR ABBY: I have always been touched by the acts of kindness stories in your column. When I was 20, I went into New York City to attend classes. Upon my arrival, I was mugged in the bus station. It was rush hour and I was too scared to scream.

After the mugger ran off, I picked up the few belongings that had fallen out of my handbag, walked across the street and down the stairs to the subway. It was then I realized I had no money to buy a token. I started crying and couldn't stop.

A middle-aged woman with a friendly smile arrived and stayed at my side until the authorities arrived. She calmed me down and wouldn't leave until she knew I was in safe hands. Before she left, she slipped some money into my pocket.

After Sept. 11, I heard people say how "surprised" they were that New Yorkers "came together." Not me, Abby. I have known since the day I was mugged that there are only a few bad apples in the Big Apple. I hope my good Samaritan will see your column and realize what her compassion and generosity meant to me that day and ever since.

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DEAR STILL COMMUTING: Thanks for an upper of a letter, which proves that kindness is universal—and not limited to any one area of the map.

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'Zero Dark Thirty' captures No. 1 at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Zero Dark Thirty" hunted down the top spot at the box office—and easily won it.

Sony Pictures' controversial Osama bin Laden manhunt drama nabbed first place with \$24 million in its first weekend in wide release, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The film, which opened in a limited run last month, earned five Oscar nominations last week, including best picture, original screenplay and actress for Jessica Chastain as a dogged CIA operative.

Open Road Films' horror parody "A Haunted House" starring

1. "Zero Dark Thirty," \$24 million (\$1.2 million international).
2. "A Haunted House," \$18.8 million.
3. "Gangster Squad," \$16.7 million (\$9.1 million international).
4. "Django Unchained," \$11 million.
5. "Les Miserables," \$10.1 million (\$25.5 million international).
6. "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," \$9 million (\$26.1 million international).
7. "Lincoln," \$6.3 million.
8. "Parental Guidance," \$6.1 million (\$4.6 million international).
9. "Texas Chainsaw 3-D," \$5.1 million (\$1.2 million international).
10. "Silver Linings Playbook," \$5 million.

Marlon Wayans debuted in second place with a solid \$18.8 million. The Warner Bros. mobster drama "Gangster Squad," starring Josh Brolin and Ryan Gosling as off-the-books police officers battling a mob boss played by Sean

Penn, opened below expectations in third place with \$16.7 million.

Internationally, "Life of Pi" dominated in 68 territories with \$35.8 million, bringing its worldwide total to \$452.1 million. "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"

followed closely behind with \$35.1 million in 62 territories. The worldwide total for the first "Hobbit" chapter is now \$886.1 million. "Les Mis" earned \$35.6 million in 23 territories, giving it a \$234.3 million worldwide total.

Overall business in North America this weekend came in at \$142 million, up more than 7 percent from the same period last year, when the Mark Wahlberg thriller "Contraband" led the box office with \$24.3 million, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com. It marks the third weekend in a row for Hollywood when business has been up over last year.

Bill Clinton gets a standing O at Golden Globes

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Who can seize the rapt attention of a room full of A-list movie and TV stars?

Try a former U.S. president.

When the glitterati gathered at Sunday's Golden Globe awards heard the surprise introduction of Bill Clinton, they leaped to their feet and roared their welcome.

No, this wasn't some joke, a comedy spoof by co-hosts Amy Poehler and Tina Fey. Here in person was the 42nd president, whose appearance brought a smile to George Clooney's face, caused "Girls" star Lena Dunham to wear a look of startled pleasure and inspired a salute from Steven Spielberg.

Once the room settled down, Clinton got down to business:



This image released by NBC shows former President Bill Clinton introducing best picture nominee "Lincoln" during the 70th Annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Jan. 13, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

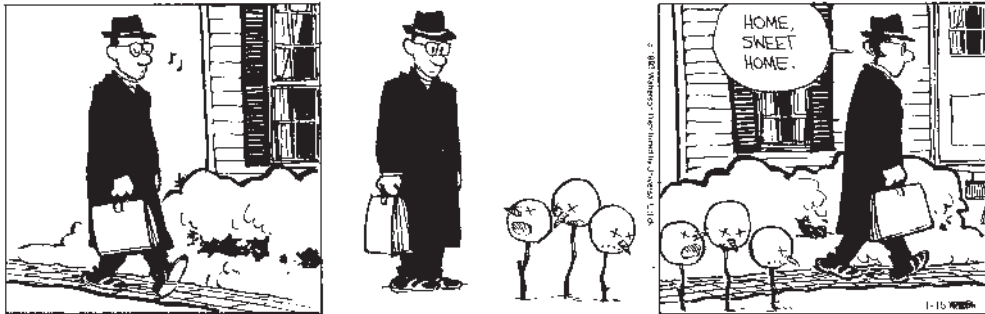
Describing one of the nominated films, the Spielberg-directed "Lincoln," starring Daniel Day-Lewis as the beloved 16th president.

"A tough fight to push a bill through a bitterly divided House of Representatives: Winning it required the president to make a lot of unsavory deals that had nothing to do with the big issue." A little shrug. "I wouldn't know anything about that," Clinton said. His audience laughed.

President Abraham Lincoln's struggle to abolish slavery "reminds us that enduring progress is forged in a cauldron of both principle and compromise," Clinton went on. This film "shows us how he did it, and gives us hope that we can do it again."

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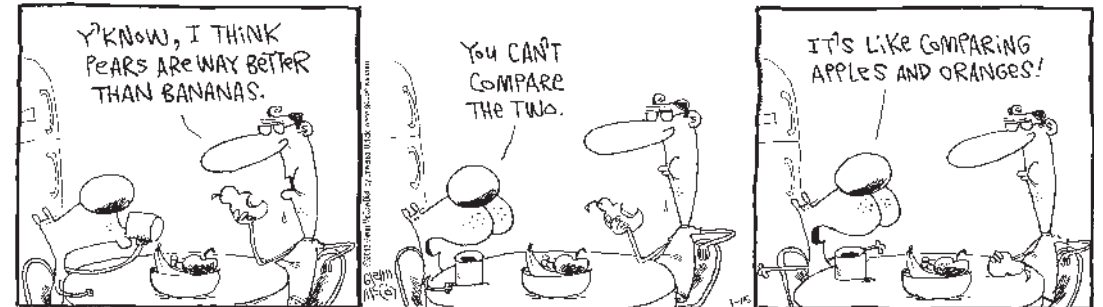
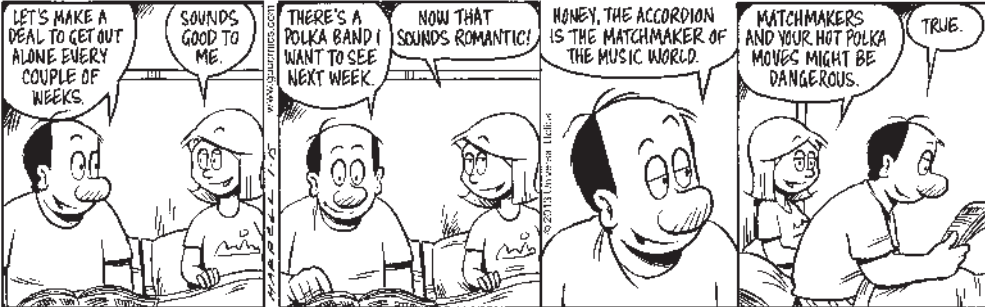


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Yesterday's answer 1-15

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Drew Brees, 34; Regina King, 42; Chad Lowe, 45; Mario Van Peebles, 56.

Happy Birthday: Good results will develop if you resolve past mistakes that were left to fester. You are best to rework and reuse old ideas and possessions that are sitting idle. Persistence will lead to success as long as you don't let frustration lead to anger. Embrace what comes your way and deal with each situation individually and systematically. Your numbers are 7, 9, 16, 23, 32, 43, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Research and patience will help you avoid a mistake. Don't aggravate a situation you cannot change. Time is on your side, so wait and see what happens. Moderation will be key to getting through challenges unscathed. Offer hands-on help for a fair trade. ***

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Jump in and be a participant. Your ability to find solutions and to be in tune to the people around you will help you get ahead and command a position of leadership. Love and romance will bring about unique lifestyle changes. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being upfront and honest about the way you think and feel may be difficult, but it will also be necessary if you want to avoid problems. Put what isn't making you happy behind you so that you can move forward positively. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Question the motives of those you deal with before you jump in and take part in something that may not be to your benefit. Call the shots and set the standards you want to live by, and you will feel comfortable about moving forward. ****

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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Patriots beat Texans; Ravens up next



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Tom Brady is so good at this playoff thing he seems to be going for a championship every year.

He gets another chance to lead the Patriots to the Super Bowl after earning his record 17th postseason victory in New England's 41-28 victory over Houston Sunday. Brady even outdid his childhood hero, Joe Montana, and a fourth NFL championship would equal Montana's haul.

"I love playing, I love competing, I love being a part of this organization," said Brady, who threw for three touchdowns and 344 yards. "I think I've just been fortunate to play on some great teams over the years. I never take it for granted."

Next up is Baltimore, which stunned top-seeded Denver in double overtime Saturday, and lost 23-20 at Gillette Stadium last January in the last step before the Super Bowl. But the Ravens beat the Patriots in Week 3 this season at Baltimore.

"I think the two best teams are in the final," Brady said. "Baltimore certainly deserves to be here and so do we."

Seldom-used Shane Vereen scored three times, twice on pinpoint throws from Brady, as New England (13-4) beat Houston (13-5) for the second time in a month.

Brady was missing some key helpers, including tight end Rob Gronkowski, who broke his left arm and is out for the rest of the playoffs, a person with knowledge of the injury told The Associated Press.

However, he got the usual outstanding performance from Wes Welker, his favorite target the last six years. The AFC's top receiver with 118 catches this season, Welker looked like he might reach that total against Houston's befuddled defense. He caught six in the first half for 120 yards, including a 47-yarder, and wound up with eight for 131.

And the AFC East champion Patriots got more than anyone could have predicted from third-string running back Vereen, who scored their first two TDs on a 1-yard run and an 8-yard pass. He capped his biggest performance with an over-the-shoulder 33-yard catch early in the fourth period.

It was Brady's 41st postseason TD pass, behind only Brett Favre (44) and, you guessed it, Montana (45).

Nice company to be keeping.

"I grew up a 49ers fan," Brady said after throwing for three touchdowns in the AFC divisional playoff. "Joe Montana and Steve Young ... those guys are in another class."

"I hope I am around for a few more years," the 35-year-old Brady added with a smile.

The boost from Vereen offset the loss of not only Gronkowski, but running back Danny Woodhead (thumb) in the first quarter.

"Shane had a great game, just a huge growing up moment for him, very special," Brady said. "There were a lot of guys who made a lot of plays."

New England's defense helped put away the Texans. Rob Ninkovich's leaping third-quarter interception stopped a drive, and six plays later, Brady hit Brandon Lloyd for a 6-yard score.

Although the Texans got two fourth-quarter TDs on passes by Matt Schaub, their season ended with four defeats in their last six games. That slump cost the AFC South champions the top seed in the playoffs, forcing a trip to New England after they beat Cincinnati in the wild-card round.

The Texans couldn't measure up.

"Whenever the season ends, no matter when, it's really hard," tight end Owen Daniels said. "The farther along you get, the harder it is to take. It's one we wanted to win really bad. It's tough to swallow ... but one team gets to have a smile on their face at the end of the season, and it's not us this year."

Unlike their 42-14 loss here a month ago, the Texans didn't fold early. J.J. Watt, their dominating defensive end, bothered Brady, and when they fell behind 17-3, they had the fortitude to climb back.

Arian Foster did all the work after Danieal Manning's second big kickoff return, this one a 35-yarder that had 15 yards tacked on when kicker Stephen Gostkowski brought down Manning with a horse-collar tackle. The Pro Bowl runner covered all 47 yards on a five-play drive and his 1-yard run—he barely squeezed into the end zone—made it 17-10.

Houston forced a three-and-out, and a short punt gave the Texans another shot just before halftime. They got close enough for Shayne Graham to kick a 55-yard field goal as the half ended.

But the Patriots pulled away in the third quarter for coach Bill Belichick's 17th postseason win, third behind Tom Landry (20) and Don Shula (19).

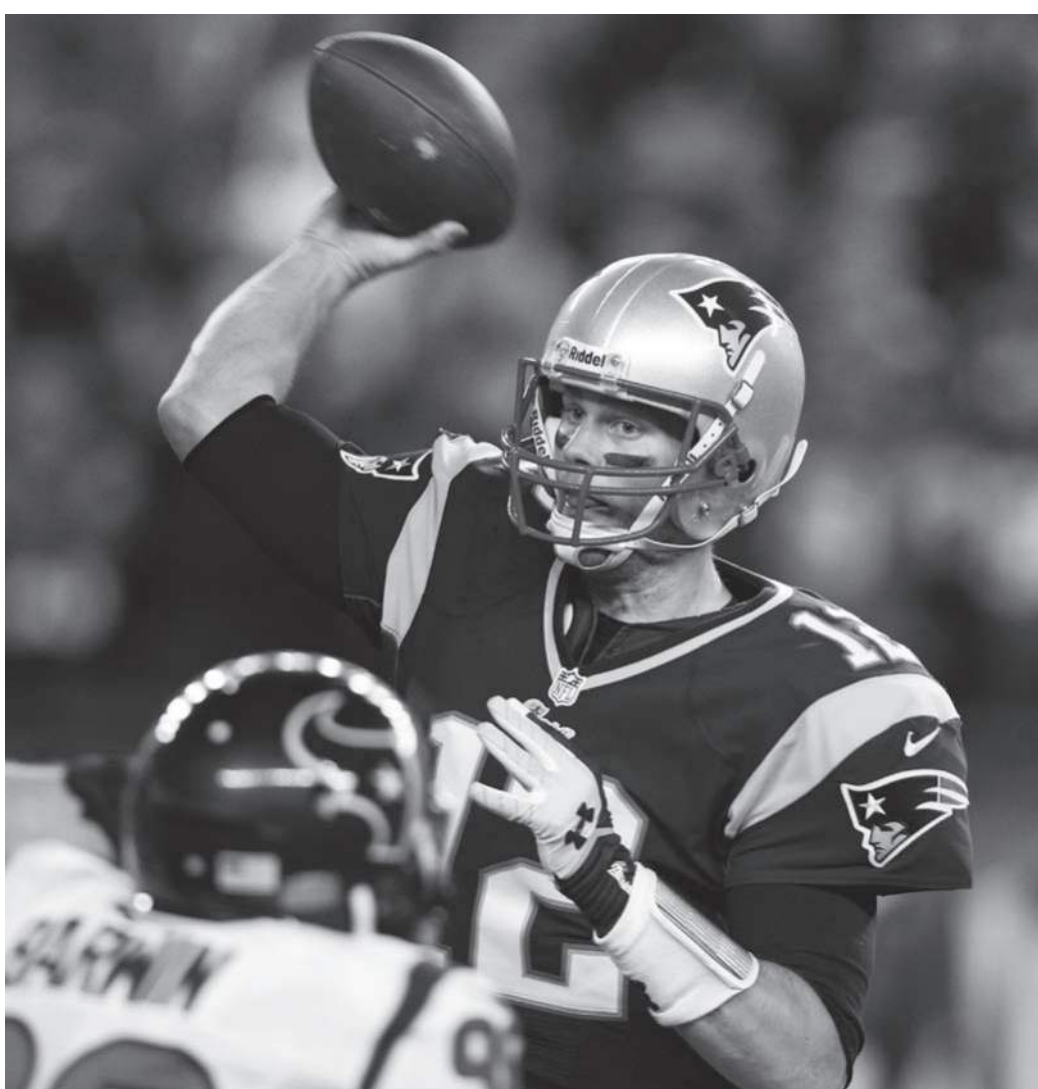
Now come the Ravens.

"It's sweet just playing in the AFC championship," defensive tackle Vince Wilfork. "It's a team that beat us earlier this year at their house, and a team that's riled up for us."

Needing a quick jolt after being blown out by the Patriots on Dec. 10, the Texans got it on the opening kickoff from Manning. He took the ball 6 yards in his end zone and never hesitated in returning it. He broke free at the Houston 30 and wasn't run down until reaching the New England 12.

That spark didn't even last one play, though, and Houston wound up with Graham's 27-yard field goal 63 seconds in.

And when the Texans closed the first half with a 10-point spurt, they wasted the momentum by allowing a quick touch-



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady passes during the first half of an AFC divisional playoff NFL football game against the Houston Texans in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013.

down drive to open the third period. Brady went to the familiar (Welker and tight end Aaron Hernandez) on that series before second-year back Stevan Ridley scored on an 8-yard burst.

New England lost Gronkowski and Woodhead almost immediately. Gronkowski missed five regular-season games with a broken left forearm, but returned for the finale. Eight Patriots plays on offense and he was gone again.

So Brady found other targets; he probably could complete passes to Belichick for big gains.

Vereen was an unlikely star. After gaining 400 yards overall during the season, he picked up 124 against the Texans. He had four touchdowns in the regular season.

"I don't come into the game knowing how much anyone is going to play," Vereen said. "I come into the game ready to go, and if my number is called, I do my best for the team."

Falcons 30, Seahawks 28

In Atlanta, Matt Bryant pumped his fist and celebrated atop the Falcons logo in the middle of the field. Tony Gonzalez broke down in tears. Matt Ryan relished the thought of not having to answer a familiar question.

The Atlanta Falcons finally showed they could win a playoff game.

And, wow, what a game it was!

After a meltdown in the fourth quarter, the Falcons pulled off a comeback that will long be remembered in championship-starved Atlanta. Ryan completed two long passes and Bryant

kicked a 49-yard field goal with 8 seconds remaining, lifting the NFC's top seed to a stunning 30-28 victory over Russell Wilson and the gutty Seattle Seahawks in a divisional game Sunday.

"Wow!" said Falcons coach Mike Smith, summing up this classic as well as anyone could.

Atlanta (14-3) squandered a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter, falling behind for the first time all day when Marshawn Lynch scored on a 2-yard run with 31 seconds left and Ryan Longwell knocked through the extra point for a 28-27 lead.

No team has ever won a playoff game when facing such a daunting deficit in the final period.

The Falcons, thanks to a pair of Matty Ices—Ryan and Bryant—didn't become the first.

Ryan, shaking off his struggles in three previous playoff losses and two interceptions against the Seahawks, hooked up with Harry Douglas on a 29-yard pass in front of the Falcons bench, and Smith quickly signaled a timeout. Then, Ryan went down the middle to his favorite target Gonzalez, a Hall of Famer-to-be playing what could've been his final game.

Gonzalez hauled in the 19-yard throw, and Smith called his final timeout with 13 seconds remaining. Instead of risking another play and having the clock run out, he sent Bryant in for the field goal try.

The Seahawks called time just before the ball was snapped, and Bryant's kick sailed right of the upright. That turned out to be nothing more than practice. The next one was right down

the middle as Bryant took off in the other direction, pumping his fist before he was mobbed by his teammates.

"Our quarterback is a special player," Smith said. "They call him Matty Ice, but I feel like we've got two Matty Ices. There's Matty Ice Ryan and Matty Ice Bryant."

The Falcons overcame their reputation for choking in the playoffs, winning their first postseason game since the 2004 season. They'll host San Francisco in the NFC championship game next Sunday with a trip to the Super Bowl on the line.

"Nobody flinched," Ryan said. "We just kept battling, kept doing what we do. That's been the makeup of our team all season."

Bryant knocked through his third game-winning kick of the season. But he'd never made one like this, with so much on the line.

"When they scored their touchdown, I walked down (the sideline)," he said. "I told the offensive line, I told Matt (Ryan), I told all the receivers, 'We've done this before.'"

Wilson threw two touchdown passes and ran for another, doing all he could to pull off the most improbable of comebacks for the Seahawks (12-6). But the Seattle defense, which is one of the NFL's best and had totally stymied the Falcons in the fourth quarter, went to a softer coverage and got burned.

Atlanta had just enough time to pull off a comeback of its own.

"We had high, high hopes for the rest of the season," Wilson said. "When the game was over, I was very disappointed. But

walking back into the tunnel, I got so excited about next year. The resilience we showed was unbelievable."

Wilson finished with 385 yards passing as the Seahawks wiped out a 27-7 deficit entering the final quarter. When Lynch powered over, the ball breaking the goal line just before it squirted from his arms, Seattle celebrated like it had won its second straight playoff game on the road, having already taken care of Robert Griffin III and the Washington Redskins.

According to STATS, it would've been the greatest fourth-quarter comeback in NFL playoff history.

Not so fast.

Ryan led the Falcons back, wiping out his 0-3 mark in the playoffs, including a crushing loss to Green Bay two years ago when the Falcons were in the same position, the NFC's top-seeded team with home-field advantage in the playoffs.

"The one thing I've learned during my five years in the league, and specifically in the postseason, is that it's hard," Ryan said.

Now, he'll no longer be asked why he can't win in the playoffs.

"That's going to be nice," Ryan conceded. "But our goal is not to win one playoff game. Our goals are still in front of us. We still have two more games to go. That's the mind-set I have. That's the mind-set this team has."

Wilson's last throw, a desperation heave into the end zone, was intercepted by Falcons receiver Julio Jones.

Gonzalez, who had never won a playoff game in his 16-year career, broke down in tears after Bryant's kick went through the uprights.

"I've never cried after a win," said Gonzalez, who has stated repeatedly that he's "95 percent" sure this is his final year. "I was thinking, 'Here we go again. I guess it wasn't meant to be.'"

It was.

The Falcons finally lived up to their excellence during the regular season since Smith, Ryan and general manager Thomas Dimitroff took over in 2008, instantly reviving a franchise that seemed down and out after Michael Vick's dogfighting case. Atlanta has won 56 regular-season games over the last five years, more than any team except New England, but had a reputation for choking in the postseason.

Check that off the list. Atlanta is one win away from the second Super Bowl appearance in franchise history.

Ryan threw three touchdown passes, tying a Falcons playoff record, and finished 24 of 35 for 250 yards—the first time he's eclipsed 200 yards in the postseason. He threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Gonzalez, a 47-yarder to Roddy White and a 5-yarder to Jason Snelling, the latter with 2:11 left in the third quarter to give the Falcons a seemingly commanding lead.

Lakers beat Cavs, snap 6-game skid



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dwight Howard arrived at Staples Center expecting to sit out another game to rest his injured shoulder. He ended up helping the Los Angeles Lakers out of their longest losing streak in nearly six years, which made that shoulder feel a whole lot better.

Howard had 22 points and 14 rebounds in his return from a three-game absence, and the Lakers snapped their six-game losing streak with a 113-93 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night.

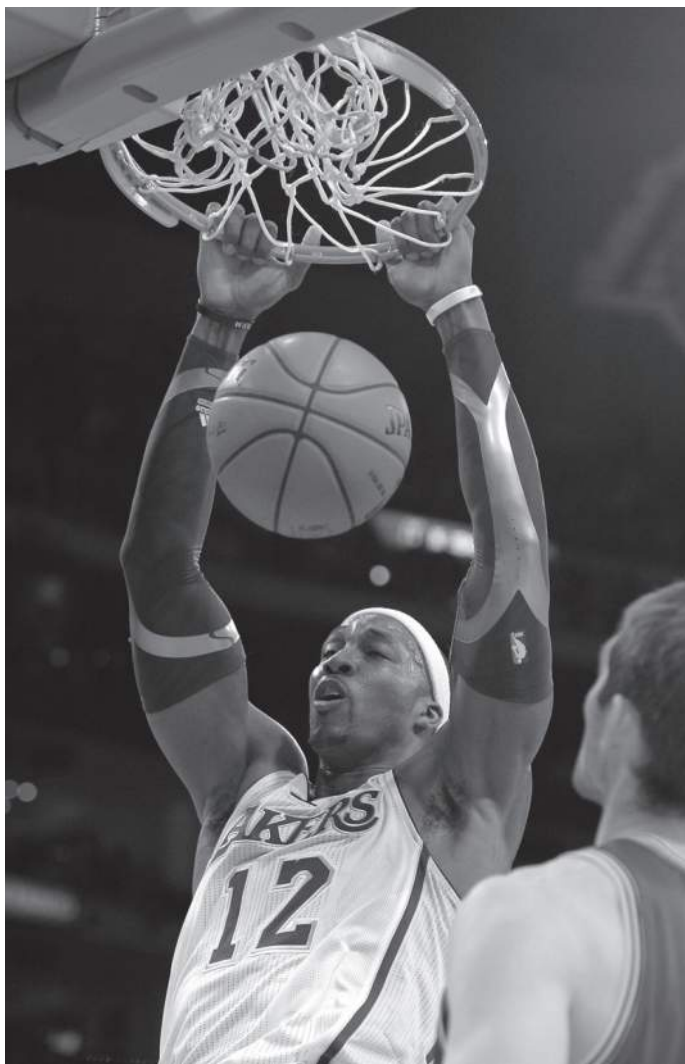
"When we play like this, we win, and we win big," Howard said. "We've just got to continue to learn from games like that, and hopefully we can just string together some wins."

Kobe Bryant scored 23 points for the Lakers, who finally earned their first victory of 2013 while ending their longest skid since February 2007. Howard went 9 for 11 despite his torn labrum while leading Los Angeles to a comfortable victory over the lowly Cavaliers, who beat the Lakers last month.

Steve Nash said the win was "mandatory" for the Lakers, and they played with an appropriate effort. Nash had 10 points and nine assists for the Lakers, whose skid has been severe enough to cause fans to worry about this star-packed roster's playoff chances even in mid-January.

"I don't want to overdo it, (but) I don't want to undersell it, either," Nash said. "We have to make up that ground. In so many areas, it was big to get a win tonight and have something to build on."

After Oklahoma City ran the Lakers out of Staples Center on Friday night in a 116-



Los Angeles Lakers center Dwight Howard dunks as Cleveland Cavaliers center Tyler Zeller watches during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, in Los Angeles.

101 victory, a downbeat coach Mike D'Antoni told his players that "our season starts Sunday." Opening day went well for the Lakers, but much bigger challenges loom—including the Miami Heat's visit on Thursday.

The Lakers' hopes of a run hinge on their defensive effort, and Bryant led a strong push against the Cavs.

"I thought Kobe set the tone hawking the ball with (Kyrie) Irving," D'Antoni said. "Defense

was much better with Dwight back in there."

Irving and Dion Waiters scored 15 points apiece for Cleveland, which has lost seven of nine. Alonzo Gee added 14 points for the Cavaliers, who fell behind by 19 points in the first quarter of their second stop on a five-game West Coast road trip.

Thunder 87, Trail Blazers 83

In Portland, Ore., Kevin Durant

had 33 points and Oklahoma City snapped Portland's nine-game winning streak at the Rose Garden.

Russell Westbrook added 18 points and nine assists for the Thunder, who played without starters Serge Ibaka and Thabo Sefolosha because of injuries.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 33 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who trailed by 11 points but pulled within one point on Nicolas Batum's 3-pointer with 21.9 seconds to go.

Kendrick Perkins missed the first of two free throws and after a timeout Aldridge missed a tough fade-away jumper from about 20 feet out with 1.7 seconds left. Westbrook made a pair of foul shots for the final margin.

Spurs 106, Timberwolves 88

In San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 20 points to lead the San Antonio over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Sunday night, extending the Spurs' home winning streak to 12 games.

Gary Neal was 3 for 3 on 3-pointers in scoring 15 points for San Antonio, which beat Minnesota at home for the 16th straight time. Tim Duncan added 14 points and nine rebounds and Tiago Splitter had 10 points. Manu Ginobili scored 12 points in the first half before leaving with a strained left hamstring.

J.J. Barea scored 15 points, Nikola Pekovic had 14 and Luke Ridnour 13 for the Timberwolves.

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich was ejected with 7:22 remaining in the game following a double technical for arguing a foul called against Splitter on Barea. The ejection sparked an 11-0 run for the Spurs, including a dunk and two reverse

layups by Splitter.

Nets 97, Pacers 86

In New York, Deron Williams had 22 points and nine assists, Joe Johnson scored 20 points and Brooklyn rallied from 12 points down in the third quarter.

Brook Lopez scored 10 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and also finished with nine rebounds to help the Nets win their season-high sixth straight.

David West had 27 points to lead the Pacers. Paul George added 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Gerald Green also scored 15 points.

Green made two free throws against his former team to give Indiana a 67-55 lead — its largest of the game — with 5½ minutes remaining in the third quarter. Brooklyn pulled to 75-69 by the end of the third, and began the fourth on a 26-8 run to take a 12-point lead on C.J. Watson's jumper with 2:08 remaining.

Knicks 100, Hornets 87

In New York, Carmelo Anthony snapped out of a slow start by scoring 18 of his 27 points in the second quarter, and the Knicks ended their season-high, three-game losing streak.

Anthony missed seven of eight shots and scored two points in the first quarter of the noon start he dislikes, then outscored the Hornets by himself in the second period as the Knicks took the lead for good.

Chris Copeland added 22 points for the Knicks, who had seen their Atlantic Division lead trimmed to two games by Brooklyn while losing five of their previous seven games. Battling injuries, they play only once in the next week, facing the Detroit Pistons on Thursday in London.

Bucks 107, Raptors 96

In Toronto, Brandon Jennings had 19 points and 10 assists, rookie John Henson scored 19 and Milwaukee rallied from a 20-point first quarter deficit to beat Toronto for the eighth straight time.

Monta Ellis scored 17 points and Mike Dunleavy had 15 as the Bucks improved to 3-1 under new coach Jim Boylan.

Larry Sanders had 11 points and eight rebounds for the Bucks, who won for the 12th time in 15 meetings with the Raptors.

Amir Johnson had 22 points and 14 rebounds and Ed David had 20 and 12 for the Raptors, who led 32-12 early but lost their fifth straight home meeting with the Bucks.

Nuggets 116, Warriors 105

In Denver, Danilo Gallinari scored 21 points, Ty Lawson had 20, and Denver rallied for its season-high fifth straight win.

Wilson Chandler scored 14 points in his first game in two months for Denver after being sidelined since early November because of pain in his left hip.

Stephen Curry scored 29 points, including seven 3-pointers, to lead Golden State. David Lee added 23 points and 13 rebounds and Harrison Barnes had 21 points.

Down by eight going into the fourth quarter, Denver opened the period with a 19-2 flurry to go up 98-89. After Curry hit back-to-back 3s to get the Warriors to 100-97 with 6:10 remaining, the Nuggets pulled away.

Brewer, who finished with 13 points, and Gallinari hit 3-pointers around a dunk by Gallinari to rebuild the Nuggets' lead to 108-97 and the Warriors didn't threaten again.

HONOLULU (AP)—Russell Henley only felt like a rookie at the Sony Open.

He sure didn't play like one. He was so nervous Sunday afternoon that he couldn't feel his arms and legs, and everything around him seemed to be moving at warp speed.

Only when he finished his record-setting performance with one last birdie did he realize what happened. And even then, he didn't know what to say.

The first player in 10 years to win in his debut as a PGA Tour rookie.

The second-best score for a 72-hole tournament in PGA Tour history, and a record score at the Sony Open by four shots.

Finishing with five straight birdie—only one of them inside 10 feet—for a 29 on the back nine and a 7-under 63, the lowest finish by a Sony Open winner.

And yes, that tee time reserved for him at the Masters in April.

"I'm pretty speechless," Henley said. "I was trying not to think about Augusta out there because I just kept telling my-

Henley gets PGA Tour career off to record start

self, 'This is a long year, you're going to play this game a long time, and be patient, it doesn't have to happen now.' Everything I could to psyche myself out of thinking about winning. It worked."

The back nine was simply surreal.

Henley won by three shots over Tim Clark, who birdied seven of his last 11 holes and still made up only one shot on the rookie from Georgia.

"When you get up close and watch a guy play ... if that's how he putts all the time, whew! It's over," Clark said.

And it was. Tied for the lead with fellow rookie Scott Langley to start the final round, Henley seized control with a birdie on the opening hole and then poured it on at the end.

Henley had a two-shot lead with seven holes to play when he calmly sank a 10-foot par putt on the 12th, and he began to pull away with a 45-foot birdie

putt on the 14th.

When the rookie rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the 17th to stay three shots ahead, Clark started laughing. There wasn't anything else he could do.

"He just never seemed to put a foot wrong, and when he did, he made those par putts," Clark said. "That's when you know a guy is comfortable, when he's making those 8- to 10-footer for par. But I still got on the 15th hole and said, 'Well, let's finish with four birdies and see what happens.' And sure enough, he birdied the last four, too. When a guy plays that well and beats you, you just have to be happy for them."

Henley finished at 24-under 256, breaking by four shots the Sony Open scoring record held by Brad Faxon in 2001 and John Huston in 1998. It was the second-lowest score for a 72-hole tournament in PGA Tour history,

two shots behind Tommy Armour III in 2003 at the Texas Open.

And that wasn't the only mark Henley left on Waialae Country Club. He set tournament records for the low 36-hole score after his 63-63 start, he shared the 54-hole record with Langley and set another tournament record with the lowest final round by a champion.

Welcome to the big leagues, kid.

He became the first PGA Tour rookie to win his debut since Garrett Willis in the 2001 Tucson Open, which was held the same week as the winners-only event in Kapalua. And the way he putts, there's no telling where this will lead.

For starters, the 23-year-old from Macon, Ga., can add a local event to his schedule—he's going to the Masters in April.

"I don't really know what happened, honestly," Henley said. "This is the most nervous

I've ever been. That's the hardest thing I've ever done. It's been my goal to make it to the Masters my whole life. I'm kind of speechless right now."

He then acknowledged his parents and his girlfriend, watching from home. Henley spent his first week as a tour member on his own, and that's about how he looked on Sunday at Waialae Country Club. No one was particularly close to him.

Clark, finally feeling healthy after a mysterious elbow injury after his runner-up finish at the Sony Open in 2011, shot 63. Charles Howell III closed with a 66 to tie for third with Langley, who birdied his last two holes for a 70.

"I wish I would have played a little bit better today and made some more putts," said Langley, who missed three birdie putts of 5 feet on the front nine. "But Russell played so awesome. I don't even know if I could have caught him."



Holiday Hoops to wrap up tonight in Garapan

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The Rollers Basketball Club's Holiday Hoops youth basketball tournament concludes with a championship triple feature among its U13, U15, and U21 divisions tonight at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Prior to the championship games, a U15 knockout match between Pogi and the Rollers will be played beginning 5:15pm to determine who will face top seed Kentucky Fried Chicken in the finals.

After the U15 semis match, U13 rivals Evolution and the Super Stars will take the floor at 5:45pm to kick off the championship series.

Then the U15 championship is set for 6:15pm followed by the U21 main ticket featuring top ranked It Don't Matter versus the Blazers.

Last Thursday, Evolution defeated the Super Stars in a nail-biter, 34-31, and though the for-

mer squad has held a slight edge leading up to the final standoff, a highly competitive battle is still expected between the age group's lone pair.

N-nes Siech carried the torch for Evolution in the opening frame with 10 points that helped provide a healthy 24-13 lead at halftime.

The Super Stars buckled up on defense after the break and held Evolution to just 10 points as a group in the second half, but came up just short of staking a comeback.

Siech's 14 points topped the field, while Manny Cobacha led the Super Stars with a dozen markers on the short end.

Then this past Saturday, U15's Rollers overwhelmed Pogi, 49-35; while in U21 play, Sluwee Poppin' Animals clipped the Blazers, 64-61; and It Don't Matter trampled the Lil' Rollers, 62-38.

The U15 Rollers trailed, 15-20, at the pause of its pairing as Pogi's Melvin Deocares, John

Cano, and Sam Darag accounted for the group's output out of the gate. However, the Rollers' Taba Espinosa erupted in the payoff period, tallying a whopping 19 points en route to what turned out to be an easy win.

He finished with a game-high 23 points, while Darag fronted Pogi with 19.

U21's SP Animals clung to a 30-29 favor at the midpoint of its match thanks largely to its Big 3 in Ham Hambros—who led the crew with 12 points—Albert Bahillo, and Josh Lizama.

The Blazers' production came mainly from Luiz Reyes, Leo Galarse, and Luther Taylor, and though the duel went all the way down to the wire, the SP Animals hung tough in the late minutes to secure the victory.

Galarse and Taylor teamed up for a respectable 35 points, but in the end, it was not enough to overshadow a dual effort of 42 turned in by Hambros and Bahillo.



In the second U21 game, Ichitaro Faisao had the hot hand for It Don't Matter and rang in 15 points in the first half for a solid 35-22 advantage at intermission.

Teammates Shane Deleon Guerrero-Diaz and Rodney Sacramento chipped in 6 points apiece in the period and the group's defense secured the win in the closing frame.

Lil' Rollers Jun Fidelino scrambled for 10 points in the latter half, but only received support from one teammate, while It Don't Matter spread the ball around until everyone on the roster accounted for at least one basket.

U15's KFC and U21's Blazers punched their finals ticket after each pulling off comeback wins last Sunday. KFC upset the Rollers, 30-28, while the Blazers upended the Lil'

Rollers, 52-49.

KFC trailed by a possession, 12-15, at the half of its match before toughening up on defense in the final period.

C.J. Morales headed the team from the tip with 9 points and the eventual victors limited the Rollers to just four field goals at crunch time.

Morales would later receive some welcome help on the offensive end as the group pressed on to victory.

He led all scorers with 15 points, while Rollers' Taba Espinosa managed 9 under duress.

The Blazers found themselves in a 14-25 hole at the midpoint of their game, but answered the bell in the second half as the Lil' Rollers elected to begin milking the clock with eight minutes left in regulation.

The questionable strategy may have caused the latter to lose its rhythm and perhaps at least some type of half court

offensive scheme should have been implemented instead of merely playing keep away.

Notably, Lil' Rollers' C.J. Morales and center Rainer Deleon Guerrero each delivered 7 points in the first half, but the team neglected to feed its big man down the home stretch.

Such confusion and indecisiveness allowed the Blazers to weasel back into the game.

The Blazers swiftly locked the game at 43-all with just over five minutes left in regulation and had the momentum swinging its way from thereon.

Morales scurried for 11 markers in effort to keep the Lil' Rollers in range, but the Blazers' Luiz Reyes and Luther Taylor hooked up for 19 points to preserve the win.

Taylor and Leonard Sablan co-led the Blazers with 14 points apiece, while Lil' Rollers' Morales topped the box score with 18 in defeat.

Budweiser 8-Ball League captains meeting tomorrow

» SEDA also to start soon



The Saipan Billiards Association's 16th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League season and the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's 21st Bud Light Open Dart League

edition are gearing up to begin later this month.

SBA officials are calling for all interested teams to have a representative present at its captains' meeting scheduled for 6:30pm tomorrow at Poseidon Bar & Grill.

The 8-ball season is tentatively set to start on Jan. 22.

The SEDA captains' meeting will be held at 6:30pm this coming Saturday at Sand's Juvy Restaurant; organizers are targeting opening day for Jan. 28.

Contact Pacific Amusement's Warlee Ellama at 233-4397 for more information. *(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)*

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The competition picks up this Friday at Fiesta starting at 5pm with the upper bracket's Vacos taking on Harapwang Face and Managaha Boys challenging Dig This, Beaches, while the lower bracket pairings feature Managaha versus Something Fishy and Fiesta against Man'amko.

The opening round consisted of single matches with game point set at 21 with a cap of 25, however the format will be modified this Friday to a best-of-three set series with game point set at 15 and a cap of 21 for the first two matches followed by a deciding set to seven with the cap removed, if necessary.

Modest cash prizes, in kind gifts, and bragging rights go to the overall winners.

Fiesta, Brabu, KZMI 103.9 FM, and Gold's Gym also sponsor the event. Proceeds from the

event benefit NMIVA's youth volleyball development programs and international travel.

In related news, the NMIVA's 2013 Co-Ed Grass Volleyball Tournament tips off this Sunday at the Navy Hill Athletic Field, located near Whispering Palm School.

The grass court event is open to player ages 18 and above, however younger players are allowed to play provided a parent or guardian signs a waiver form upon registration.

This is a two-person, guy and gal, event and players are requested to bring their own partner.

The competition is limited to 25 teams with the top 16 advancing to a double-elimination bracket following some opening pool play rounds that will also be used to rank the seeding.

Pool play games will be played to 11 with a cap of 15 with game point for the semifinal and finals matches set at 15

with a cap of 21.

Special ground rules include the nets being set at ladies height therefore male players cannot jump serve, block, or hit the ball from in front of the a designated 10-foot line. However, leaving the ground behind the line and landing inside of it is okay; serves must also rotate.

The entrance fee is set at \$25, and \$20 for NMIVA members; registration opens courtside at 8:30am leading up the 9am startup; forms can also be obtained online at www.nmivolleyball.org

All participants will receive an event T-shirt, at least four games of pool play, complimentary refreshments, and great camaraderie.

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nual sports banquet will be held on Feb. 13 at Kanoa Resort. NMASA officials, top athletes of the month (from January to December 2012), former awardees, members of the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame, and sponsors of the various NMASA members

are invited to the ceremony.

The NMASA Annual Sports Banquet will feature the induction of the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame, Class 2012, and the recognition of the TSL Foundation/NMASA Student Athletes of the Year, Male and Female Athletes of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Administrator of the Year.

Last year, tennis' Rafael Jones

and athletics' Rachel Abrams took the student awards, while baseball's Joshua Jones and athletics' Yvonne Bennett clinched the adult plums. Rogoligoi and Igitol claimed the Coach of the Year and Administrator of the Year trophies, respectively, while Ben Saurez was enshrined to the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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180, 198, 194, 161, and 175, Manacop averaged 198.44 pin-falls.

Raymond had the best single game score among the 15 qualifiers after tallying 270 in Game 7. His other 200-plus pinfall performance came in Game 5, while he recorded 144, 183, 157, 189, 187, 174, and 180 in the seven other games for a 193.11 average.

Ruselle was the third qualifier to average at least 190 pin-falls with his 191.78. He had a

shaky start with 172 pinfalls in Game 1, but had three 200-plus pinfalls in three of the next six games (210 in Game 2, 212 in Game 6, and 230 in Game 7. His other scores were 150, 198, 198, 182, and 175.

Raphael missed an all-Zapanta stepladder finals when he finished fourth after the nine-game qualifying tournament. The youngest Zapanta earned 1,656 pinfalls and averaged 184 (223, 196, 194, 145, 166, 188, 193, 181, and 170). Rounding out the Top 5 was Korean Jaw Yong Kim, who averaged 175 pinfalls per game

after collecting 1,575 pinfalls.

Other bowlers who joined the qualifier were Robert Talavera (1,568), Percy Omechelang (1,541), Jorge Soledad (1,517), Paul Pangelinan (1,506), Edward Baluyan (1,478), Raul Dumapit (1,448), Jerry Kaneshi (1,403), Yong Woon Lee (1,398), Tony Yarobwemal (1,357), and Ronald Batac (1,327).

Meanwhile, Manacop, and Queen and Prince of the Lanes Diana Camacho and M.J. Aldan will be feted in an awards ceremony this Sunday at 7pm at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe. *(Saipan Tribune)*

SSFM

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como's Shane Metran was called for an offensive foul on the other end, Ritual made it a 5-point advantage, 85-80, off a baseline drive.

Docomo tried to stay alive in the last one minute of the match with Marlon Sison scoring back-to-back baskets and the team giving up preemptive fouls. However, SSFM went 4-for-6 from the foul line off Dela Rosa's split and Darag's three charities to complete the come-from-behind win.

Darag paced SSFM with his 25 points and kept the team afloat in the first half despite the absence of Galarse in the opening 20 minutes of the match and Jack Lizama, who was a no-show the entire game. The former MHS standout finished the first half with 11 points and SSFM faced a manageable 36-45 halftime deficit.

Galarse reported for duty in the third and announced his entry to the game with a triple. He went on to score 14 points in that quarter alone, while Darag chipped in 6 to move SSFM within half a dozen, 63-69. Docomo hung on to the driver's seat in the third behind the 8 points apiece of

Elgene Mangali and Rodney Sacramento.

Sacramento had scored 20 points after the third, but was silent in the crucial fourth frame, while Mangali was held to one field goal and missed important triples in the homestretch.

While Docomo's main gunners went cold in the pivotal fourth, SSFM players got their acts together in the final canto to steal the win. Dela Rosa, who spent most of the third period on the bench, started in the fourth and made three early baskets, while Darag, Ritual, and Galarse also nailed at least one basket apiece to close the gap before the former's second field goal in that canto finally put SSFM in the lead.

Saipan TV 88, Pacific Stars 66

In the first game, Saipan TV routed the winless Pacific Stars/Gualo Rai.

After a tight first half, Saipan TV broke the game wide open in the third, outgunning Pacific Stars, 25-11, to turn a 39-37 halftime lead to a 64-48 advantage. Four Saipan TV players drained at least two fields each in the third-quarter breakaway, while only Jun Estolas made more than one field goal for Pacific Stars. Estolas had two triples,

while Zack Babauta converted on a trey, and Rico Morales logged a two-point basket.

Saipan TV never looked back from thereon, as it continued to play a balance offense in the fourth period, while only Estolas and Dexter Tenorio piled up points for Pacific Stars, who fell to a dismal 0-3 record.

Bernard Aquino paced Saipan TV with his 18 markers, while Tim Wesley added 15. Estolas had 19 for Pacific Stars.

First Game

Saipan TV 88 – Aquino 18, Wesley 15, Reyes 14, Alipio 10, Talania 10, Anasan 6, Umali 5, Fitial 5.

Pacific Stars/Gualo Rai 66 – Estolas 19, Tenorio 13, Babauta 12, Mallari 6, Galzote 4, Morales 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-18, 39-37, 64-48, 88-66.

Second Game

SSFM 89 – Darag 25, Galarse 18, Ritual 13, Dela Rosa 12, Brennan 8, Echavez 6, Tobias 2.

Docomo Pacific 84 – Sacramento 20, Mangali 16, Metran 16, Sison 11, Cruz 8, Sablan 4, Tudela 3, Montes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-17, 36-45, 63-69, 89-84. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Coach Akira Yamanaka Clinic for U12 Players

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Ehime FC coach Akira Yamanaka, standing right, poses with participants of a youth clinic held late last month at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



A Shirley's FC player performs dribbling skills while Ehime FC coach Akira Yamanaka looks on.



Ehime FC coach Akira Yamanaka in huddle with the players and coaches/volunteers.



Volunteers Kennedy Izuka, left, and Jershwin Angeles watch a Tan Holdings FC player dribble around the cone.



Clinic participants take a water break.



Ehime FC coach Akira Yamanaka, right, hands a certificate of participation to one youth player.



Three players watch their fellow clinic participants execute a drill.



Anthony Fruit, second left, performs juggling drills.



Players line up for the drills.



Ehime FC coach Akira Yamanaka watches two players execute a play.



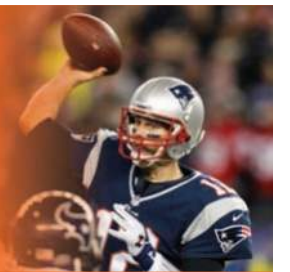
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Back-to-back for Manacop

Simon Manacop did it again. The Department of Public Safety police officer battled siblings Ruselle and Raymond Zapanta in the stepladder finals anew and emerged victorious to take Saipan Bowling Association's 2012 Budweiser King of the Lanes title last Sunday at the Capital Bowling Center.

Manacop and the Zapanta brothers, who figured in the 2011 playoffs, made return trips to the stepladder finals after placing in the Top 3 in the nine-game qualifying roll-off. Manacop notched first place in the qualifier with his 1,786 pinfalls and gained an outright finals berth and twice-to-beat advantage in the championship.

Raymond and Ruselle collected 1,738 and 1,726 pinfalls in the qualifier to finish at No. 2 and 3, respectively, and duke it out for the first playoff game. Ruselle then eliminated Raymond, 206-183, to force a finals rematch against Manacop.

Manacop, who ousted Raymond in the semis and then defeated Ruselle twice in the finals of the 2011 season to get his first King of the Lanes crown in eight years, made it two in a row after frustrating the latter anew in last weekend's finale. Manacop sealed the championship right away with a 223-186 victory in Game 1.



King of the Lanes Simon Manacop is flanked by runners-up Ruselle, left, and Raymond Zapanta during the Saipan Bowling Association 2012 season-ending tournament last Sunday at the Capital Bowling Center.

The back-to-back champion started his campaign in the season-ending tournament with a bang, posting 200-

plus pinfalls in the four of his first five Games (208, 205, and 211 in Games 1 to 3 and 205 in Game 5). Adding his

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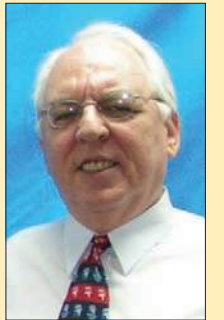
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NMASA elects directors for 2013 season



Eight individuals were voted to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association board of directors during the NMASA annual election held last week at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Unanimously elected to the board were current N M A S A president Michael White, canoe's Gil Birnbrich, golf's Jordon Kosam and Jess Wabol, baseball's Tony Rogolfoi and Rose Igitol, tennis' Jeff Race, and volunteer Emelinda Cabrera. White has scheduled a meeting for the board of directors this Thursday to select the officers of the group.



White

The many-time NMASA head added that the association's annual meeting will be held on **See NMASA on Page 26**

SSFm slips past Docomo Pacific



DLX BASKETBALL SSFM kept its perfect record in Division A of the 2012 DLX/Anchor Strong Invitational Basketball League after stealing a win from Docomo Pacific, 89-84, last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

SSFm improved to a 3-0 record, as it showed poise in the last two minutes of the match after playing catch up for most of the game. Leo Galarse, John Darag, Rocyl Ritual, and Erick Dela Rosa teamed up in SSFM's 11-6 scoring run in the final two minutes of the second match of the night to extend the team's win streak in the seven-squad field and hand Docomo its second loss in three games.

Galarse's incomplete 3-point play gave SSFM's its first taste of the lead since the 6-4 count in the first quarter before George Cruz's reverse shot tied the match for the last time, 1:34 left on the clock.

A left corner triple from Darag gave the lead back to SSFM and after Do-
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SSFm's Rocyl Ritual, left, runs into the defense of Docomo Pacific's Jose Tudela during the second game in the DLX/Anchor Strong caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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A Harapwang Face player sends over a spike in Friday's NMIVA/Godfather's House Bar Sunset Beach Volleyball tournament match against Something Fishy at the Fiesta Resort & Spa sand courts.

Sunset Beach Volleyball completes opening round

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Vacos, Harapwang Face, Managaha Boys, and Dig This, Beaches advanced through the first round of the Northern Marianas Islands Volleyball Association/Godfather's House Bar Sunset Beach Volleyball tournament last Friday at Fiesta Resort & Spa.



Vacos defeated Managaha, 21-19; Harapwang Face routed Something Fishy, 21-12; Managaha Boys bested Fiesta Resort & Spa, 21-17; and Dig This, Beaches conquered Man'amko, 21-16. A total of eight teams represent the field.

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